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The world's largest passenger aircraft – the Airbus A380 – made its maiden touchdown at KIA on Friday.

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The city police have registered the first case under the Karnataka Right to Protection of Right to Freedom of Religion Act, 2022.

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Himachal poll on Nov. 12, Gujarat on hold for now

CEC cites procedure followed in 2017 and weather in the hill State; Congress questions move on Gujarat, says PM will now get 'more time for mega promises and more inaugurations'

Damini Nath
NEW DELHI

The Election Commission (EC) on Friday announced that the Himachal Pradesh Assembly election would be held on November 12 and votes would be counted on December 8, while the schedule for the other poll-bound State, Gujarat, was not announced for now.

Last time around as well, the EC had announced the schedules of the two States separately, Himachal Pradesh on October 12, 2017 and Gujarat on October 25, 2017. However, counting of votes in both States was on the same day in December.

While Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar defended the EC's decision to announce only the Himachal Pradesh schedule, the Congress questioned the move.

Jairam's jibe

Reacting to the announcement, Congress general-secretary in charge of communications Jairam Ramesh said: "Obviously this has been done to give more time to the PM to make some mega promises and carry out more inaugurations. Not at all surprising."

Asked about the decision not to announce the Gujarat election on Friday, given that the EC visited the State within the same week as it did Himachal in preparation of the elections, Mr. Kumar said the EC had "gone by convention" followed last time. He added that the weather in the hill State was also a factor in deciding the election date due to the snowfall in winter. He said there was a "gap of 40 days" between the end of the tenure of the two Assemblies – January 8, 2023 for Himachal Pradesh and February 18, 2023 for Gujarat.

That being said, in the last set of Assembly elections announced together this year, the gap between the end of terms had been around 60 days – March 15 for Goa and May 14 for Uttar Pradesh.

"The MCC [Model Code of Conduct] period, which gets extended, has been reduced from 70 days to 57 days," Mr. Kumar said.

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Battle lines drawn

Himachal Pradesh will go to polls in November this year. A look at key dates and voter demography

Source: Election Commission of India

Key dates in 2022	
Election day	Nov. 12
Counting day	Dec. 8

Seat types	
Total	68
SC	17
ST	3

Voter demography	
Total electors	55,74,793
Young voters*	43,173
Voters aged 80+	1,22,093

* turned 18 between Jan. 1 and Oct. 1, 2022

HC allows Ola, Uber, Rapido to offer autorickshaw services

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka allowed app-based transport technology aggregators – Ola, Uber and Rapido – to levy 10% additional charge over and above the fares fixed by the government, and the applicable GST, for offering autorickshaw services through their platforms till the government fixes fares as as per the law.

Also, the court directed the government not to take any coercive action against the aggregators for offering auto services through their platforms till adjudication of the petitions filed by them. The court passed the interim order as the talks between the aggregators and the government on October 13 did not yield a consensus on contentious issues.

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HC acquits former DU professor in UAPA case

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

More than eight years after his arrest, former Delhi University professor G.N. Saibaba, 52, was on Friday acquitted by the Nagpur Bench of the Bombay High Court in the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) case.

Mr. Saibaba, who is 90% physically disabled and wheelchair-bound, was arrested in 2014 for alleged links with the banned Communist Party of India (Maoist). A sessions court later sentenced him to life imprisonment.

A Division Bench of Justices Rohit Deo and Anil Pansare also acquitted five others.

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Will electoral bonds reveal fund source, SC asks govt.

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday asked the government whether the electoral bonds system reveals the source of money pumped in to fund political parties even as the Centre maintained that the scheme is "absolutely transparent".

"Is it transparent? Does the system provide from where the money comes?" Justice B.R. Gavai, heading a Bench comprising Justice B.V. Nagarathna, quizzed the government.

"The methodology of receiving money is absolutely transparent... It is impossible to get any unaccounted money in... To say that this [electoral bonds scheme] affects democracy may not hold water. We will take Your Lordships through this step-by-step," Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta replied.

The exchange came hours before the announcement of date for the Assembly election in Himachal Pradesh. Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, for the petitioners, said the scheme affected the very idea of free and fair elections provided under Article 324 of the Constitution.

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The duality of Indian batting's innovative disruptor

Despite coming through the domestic ranks more than a decade ago, Suryakumar Yadav has kept pace with Twenty20 cricket's evolution by accessing a batting style from the future. Both known quantity and enigma, he will be central to the team's chances at the T20 World Cup

N. Sudarshan

International batters come in different hues. There are the imperious monarchs, such as Vivian Richards, whose mere presence is enough to drive a scare into the opposition. There are the stylists, like David Gower and V.V.S. Laxman, whose finesse charms even the most ruthless of opponents into developing a soft corner. There are the perfectionists, such as Sachin Tendulkar, who once reminded the legendary Don Bradman of himself.

Suryakumar Yadav is among batting's dazzling innovators. He is in his 30s, when techniques deteriorate, bowlers work batters out and the hunger for runs subsides. But for Suryakumar, who smashed 904 runs across two title-winning seasons in 2019 and 2020 for Mumbai Indians, the opposite is proving true. As Twenty20 cricket evolves, he is a player who is continuously rising to meet the challenge rather than being dragged down by it.

So much so that in July, during his sensational 117 (55b) against England, a straight four off Chris Jordan ended with such an extravagant flourish – head still, elbow high, bat at the high point of the upswing and the front leg springing up and down like that of a prancing horse – that the commentator exclaimed, "it's like Victor Trumper".

The shot may never be immortalised like Trumper's was, first through George Beldam's camera and then Gideon Haigh's prose. But in most Indian cricket fans' minds currently, it is that image of Suryakumar that is firmly etched. As India gears up for the ICC T20 World Cup in Australia, it's the Mumbaikar who appears most crucial to the country's chances.

"He has the game to bat in any conditions," Virat Kohli, the high priest of batting, said during the recent T20 series against Australia. "He got a hundred in England, then batted well in the Asia Cup. He is striking the ball as well as I have seen him. It's just the array of shots, and to play the shots at the right time is such a good skill to have."

In a line-up that has Rohit Sharma, K.L. Rahul and Kohli, Suryakumar has come to be the mainstay. In T20 internationals this year, his 801 runs (from 23 matches) are the most in the world, and his strike rate of 184.56 (minimum 15 innings) the highest.

Suryakumar in 2022 (T20Is)

- 801 runs
- 117 highest score
- 184.56 strike-rate
- 51 sixes

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>
> **ABHINAV MUKUND**
> Former India opener

Prolific hitter of sixes

In six hitting – the quality that most epitomises a successful T20 batter – the 32-year-old is again No.1, hammering 51 of them. The next best from among elite sides is Rovman Powell's 37.

"This is the kind of player he has always threatened to be," says Abhinav Mukund, former India opening bat and now a commentator, about a player who debuted for Mumbai way back in 2010 but arrived on the international scene only in 2021.

"We have played a lot of cricket together, in the A-tour set-up, since early 2012. He has always been one of those very rebellious characters. But he is a lot calmer now and crucially has not lost his fearlessness."

The game's shortest format has made many a great batter's art, Kohli's included, seem anachronistic. But Suryakumar plays eminently futuristic cricket. If a large part of T20 tactics is about shrinking the size of the field, Suryakumar manipulates space and unlocks areas of the ground like no other.

Dexterity is a standout feature of his batting. In an era where bowling straight and on the stumps is one of the key tactical plays, and where fielding teams place enormous focus on defending the boundaries, especially down the ground, his ability to hit shots across the entire arc on the off-side is unparalleled.

A rival captain's nightmare

He who can hit an inside-out drive off a short-of-a-length ball pitched on middle- and off-stump for six is special. To shuffle across, go down really low and hit a similar delivery that's slightly pitched up over fine-leg for six is extra special.

"He has got phenomenal wrists," says Abhinav. "And he has figured out that playing shots over fine-leg or over wide long-on is something most teams don't have a fielder for. And he plays the cut shot really well. More importantly, he has figured out a very good stable base from where he can generate great power."

And he is arguably the best player of spin in the World Cup squad which makes him a feared batter across the entirety of a T20 innings. The clearest evidence of this is the unbeaten 71 against Chennai Super Kings in Qualifier-1 of the 2019 IPL on a slow, turning Chepauk track against an attack comprising Harbhajan Singh, Ravindra Jadeja and Imran Tahir.

"You will hardly find him stepping out and *lagao* [whacking] a ball somewhere into the deep," says Abhinav. "You will see him hit a shot over cover beautifully. You see him sweeping very well, probably the only Indian batter in the top-six who sweeps consistently. DK [Dinesh Karthik] does it a bit. It is a very good shot to have if you want to succeed [against spin]."

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> His ability to access 360 degrees of the ground is something a bowler will be wary of. He has a few more shots than a normal batter. [But] more than skill, it's his confidence
>
> **PRASIDH KRISHNA**
> India fast-bowler

Fast-bowling in T20 has also evolved. Apart from the deceptive slower ones and yorkers at the death, bowling length deliveries at good pace on hard pitches – like the ones Down Under – is a tactic teams are increasingly employing. India quick Prasidh Krishna, who also plays for Rajasthan Royals, is adept at this. But the 26-year-old has often found Suryakumar incredibly hard to bowl at.

"His ability to access 360 degrees of the ground is something a bowler will be wary of," says Prasidh. "He has a few more shots than a normal batter. [But] more than skill, it's his confidence. He is willing to try those [shots] in the nets, and in match situations they come instinctively.

"I don't think anybody can practise these unorthodox shots. But it is your instinct and the confidence that ensures you go through with them."

The role of premeditation

Suryakumar has admitted that a lot of these shots, like the ramp and the scoop, are premeditated, a feature that further deepens the notion purists have of T20 cricket being morally and intellectually inferior. But their execution requires high skill, which the right-hander seemingly possesses in abundance.

"Batters will play their shots, no matter what the line or length is," says Prasidh. "As a bowler, I would say, just try and execute the plan that the team has set for the batter and leave the rest. There is no other substitute.

"Bowlers don't really have a step-out or a scoop, so there is no mental advantage to be had. In a way it is very simple. You try and bowl to the field and that's about it."

It's part common sense and part helplessness, and teams' success against India at the World Cup will hinge on how they negotiate this duality. Suryakumar is a known quantity and yet an enigma; a cheerfully exuberant personality who strikes fear in the bowler's heart.

STACKING UP

ATP Men's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Carlos Alcaraz	19	6,740	18
2	Rafael Nadal	36	5,810	11
3	Casper Ruud	23	5,645	24
4	Daniil Medvedev	26	5,245	21
5	Stefanos Tsitsipas	24	5,065	23
6	Alexander Zverev	25	5,040	20
7	Novak Djokovic	35	4,320	13
8	Taylor Fritz	24	3,510	23
9	Andrey Rublev	24	3,480	24
10	Cameron Norrie	27	3,445	24
11	Hubert Hurkacz	25	3,265	22
12	Jannik Sinner	21	3,040	22
13	Felix Auger-Aliassime	22	2,950	25
14	Marin Cilic	34	2,540	21
15	Pablo Carreno Busta	31	2,360	23

Top Indians ▶

Ramkumar Ramanathan
Rank 274 ▲ 23 spots

Prajnesh Gunneswaran
Rank 356 ▼ 6 spots

WTA Women's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Iga Swiatek	21	10,485	17
2	Ons Jabeur	28	4,885	19
3	Anett Kontaveit	26	4,010	20
4	Paula Badosa	24	3,934	25
5	Aryna Sabalenka	24	3,470	20
6	Jessica Pegula	28	3,447	16
7	Maria Sakkari	27	3,355	22
8	Coco Gauff	18	3,047	17
9	Simona Halep	31	3,025	19
10	Caroline Garcia	28	2,930	21
11	Daria Kasatkina	25	2,895	22
12	Veronika Kudermetova	25	2,571	22
13	Garbine Muguruza	29	2,406	19
14	Barbora Krejcikova	26	2,371	19
15	Belinda Bencic	25	2,305	19

Top Indians ▶

Ankita Raina
Rank 279 ▼ 6 spots

Karman Thandi
Rank 319 ▲ 2 spots

F1 Drivers' standings

#	Driver	Team	Points	Wins
1	Max Verstappen	Red Bull	366	12
2	Sergio Perez	Red Bull	253	2
3	Charles Leclerc	Ferrari	252	3
4	George Russell	Mercedes	207	0
5	Carlos Sainz	Ferrari	202	1
6	Lewis Hamilton	Mercedes	180	0
7	Lando Norris	McLaren	101	0
8	Esteban Ocon	Alpine	78	0
9	Fernando Alonso	Alpine	65	0
10	Valtteri Bottas	Alfa Romeo	46	0
11	Sebastian Vettel	Aston Martin	32	0
12	Daniel Ricciardo	McLaren	29	0
13	Pierre Gasly	AlphaTauri	23	0
14	Kevin Magnussen	Haas	22	0
15	Lance Stroll	Aston Martin	13	0
16	Mick Schumacher	Haas	12	0
17	Yuki Tsunoda	AlphaTauri	11	0
18	Zhou Guanyu	Alfa Romeo	6	0
19	Alex Albon	Williams	4	0
20	Nicholas Latifi	Williams	2	0
21	Nyck de Vries	Williams	2	0

Max Verstappen

Sergio Perez

F1 Constructors' standings

Pos	Team	Points	Wins	Podiums
1	Red Bull	619	14	23
2	Ferrari	454	4	17
3	Mercedes	387	0	13
4	Alpine	143	0	0
5	McLaren	130	0	1
6	Alfa Romeo	52	0	0
7	Aston Martin	45	0	0
8	Haas	34	0	0
9	AlphaTauri	34	0	0
10	Williams	8	0	0

Badminton Men's ranking

#	Player	Points	Events
1	Viktor Axelsen	122,606	29
2	Anders Antonsen	92,600	24
3	Lee Zii Jia	91,578	28
4	Chou Tien Chen	89,576	26
5	Loh Kean Yew	81,594	24
6	Anthony Sinisuka Ginting	77,599	23
7	Jonatan Christie	76,912	24
8	Lakshya Sen	75,574	26
9	Kento Momota	72,304	18
10	Kunlavut Vitidsarn	70,849	26
11	K. Srikanth	66,811	31
12	Rasmus Gemke	65,791	24
13	H.S. Prannoy	64,330	27
14	Ng Ka Long Angus	62,467	21
15	Kanta Tsuneyama	62,068	16

Top Indians ▶

Lakshya Sen
Rank 8

K. Srikanth
Rank 11

Badminton Women's ranking

#	Player	Points	Events
1	Akane Yamaguchi	112,013	22
2	Tai Tzu Ying	108,045	17
3	An Se Young	103,553	27
4	Chen Yu Fei	96,406	16
5	Carolina Marin	92,430	17
6	P.V. Sindhu	87,218	27
7	Ratchanok Intanon	82,949	24
8	Pornpawee Chochuwong	78,265	29
9	He Bing Jiao	77,684	19
10	Nozomi Okuhara	76,400	11
11	Wang Zhi Yi	70,918	18
12	Busanan Ongbamrungphan	70,244	33
13	Michelle Li	64,410	26
14	Sayaka Takahashi	60,263	17
15	Mia Blichfeldt	57,279	20

Top Indians ▶

P.V. Sindhu
Rank 6

Saina Nehwal
Rank 32

Test Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Joe Root	887	923
2	Marnus Labuschagne	885	936
3	Babar Azam	879	879
4	Steve Smith	848	947
5	Rishabh Pant	801	801
6	Kane Williamson	786	919
7	Usman Khawaja	766	779
8	Dimuth Karunaratne	748	782
9	Rohit Sharma	746	813
10	Jonny Bairstow	719	772

Test Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Pat Cummins	891	914
2	R. Ashwin	842	904
3	Shaheen Afridi	828	836
4	Jasprit Bumrah	828	835
5	James Anderson	825	903
6	Kagiso Rabada	799	902
7	Kyle Jamieson	788	836
8	Kemar Roach	756	780
9	Neil Wagner	747	859
10	Mitchell Starc	739	806

ODI Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Babar Azam	890	898
2	Imam-ul-Haq	779	815
3	R. van der Dussen	766	796
4	Quinton de Kock	759	813
5	Jonny Bairstow	732	796
6	David Warner	725	880
7	Virat Kohli	722	911
8	Rohit Sharma	718	885
9	Ross Taylor	701	841
10	Steve Smith	697	752

ODI Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Trent Boult	775	775
2	Josh Hazlewood	718	733
3	Mujeeb Ur Rahman	676	712
4	Shaheen Afridi	661	688
5	Mohammad Nabi	657	657
6	Mehedi Hasan	655	725
7	Matt Henry	654	691
8	Mitchell Starc	653	783
9	Rashid Khan	651	806
10	Jasprit Bumrah	642	841

T20I Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Mohammad Rizwan	853	875
2	Suryakumar Yadav	838	854
3	Babar Azam	808	896
4	Aiden Markram	777	796
5	Devon Conway	760	784
6	Dawid Malan	726	915
7	Aaron Finch	705	900
8	Pathum Nissanka	677	698
9	Muhammad Waseem	636	703
10	Quinton de Kock	611	671

T20I Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Josh Hazlewood	732	806
2	Rashid Khan	696	816
3	Wanindu Hasaranga	692	797
4	Tabraiz Shamsi	688	821
5	Maheesh Theekshana	680	680
6	Adam Zampa	680	743
7	Mujeeb Ur Rahman	677	745
8	Adil Rashid	676	746
9	Keshav Maharaj	662	662
10	Akeal Hosein	654	681

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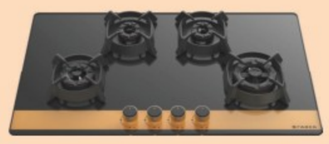

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‘The best players never get bored’

Giannis Antetokounmpo powered the Milwaukee Bucks to the 2020-21 NBA championship, but suffered disappointment last season. The ‘Greek Freak’ opened up recently about his goals for 2022-23, Kobe Bryant’s influence and the prospect of facing 7’3” wonderkid Victor Wembanyama

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Ashwin Achal

When it comes to basketball legend Kobe Bryant, this adage holds true – ‘Gone, but never forgotten’.

Nearly three years have passed since Bryant tragically died in a helicopter crash, but the legacy of the ‘Black Mamba’ has stayed strong.

Like many others in the NBA, Milwaukee Bucks forward Giannis Antetokounmpo looked to Bryant for inspiration. Four years ago, when Antetokounmpo and the Bucks exited in the first round of the playoffs, the ‘Greek Freak’ was challenged by Bryant to win the Most Valuable Player (MVP) award the following season.

Antetokounmpo rose to the task and was named the MVP at the 2019 NBA Awards. It was the result of a stupendous 2018-19 season for Antetokounmpo, who became only the second Bucks player to win the honour after Kareem Abdul-Jabbar.

At the recent NBA Abu Dhabi Games 2022, Antetokounmpo served a reminder of Bryant’s continued influence on his life and career, entering the post-match press conference wearing a T-shirt with a picture of Bryant and a slogan that read, ‘In Loving Memory of Kobe Bryant’.

Learning from Kobe

“I knew Kobe a little bit, but I won’t act like I was his best friend. Some people mention his name to get attention,” Antetokounmpo said.

“Kobe was one of the best to play the game. I love his story, his journey, and how he kept striving to get better. He was always a kid who was curious to learn more. It’s not just talent that takes you to the highest level. It’s about how disciplined you are, and how you can find new ways to improve and never be satisfied. The best players never got bored; they were able to wake up every morning and find something new to challenge them. This helped them dominate, create moments, create art. Even in his last NBA game, he scored 60 points. We cannot talk about this game of basketball without talking about Kobe Bryant,” Antetokounmpo said.

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The 2022-23 NBA season, which commences in a few days, presents a fresh challenge for Antetokounmpo. His Bucks claimed the NBA title in 2020-21, but crashed out in the Eastern Conference semifinals last season. The absence of an injured Khris Middleton, a key offensive piece, hurt the Bucks. If Middleton, Antetokounmpo and Jrue Holiday – the core of the team – can stay healthy, the Bucks have a good shot at reclaiming the championship.

Antetokounmpo, the 2020-21 NBA Finals MVP, expects a tough season ahead. “We have to keep getting better as a team. We have most of the guys back from the previous season, but we have to get better. If we think we can just show up and win games, it’s not going to happen. We have to build team chemistry,” Antetokounmpo said.

No room for complacency

The 27-year-old stated that while the Bucks are among the favourites, nothing comes easy in the highly competitive league.

“There are six to eight teams that have a realistic chance of winning the title – Golden State, Boston, Philadelphia, Miami, Brooklyn... When the season starts, you want to be among this list of favoured teams,” Antetokounmpo said.

“Our expectation is to win the championship – no doubt about it. The first goal for us is to get better as a team. The second goal is to build good habits in the team. And the third goal is to win the championship,” Antetokounmpo said.

“You don’t talk the game, you play the game. You might sit here and talk about our chances, how good we are, but we have to prove all this on the floor. This is the NBA, with the best talent in the world. Nothing is given to you. As for my own form, I’m a little bit rusty. But that’s okay, as I haven’t played for a month. I’m mature enough to understand that this is a marathon, not a sprint.”

Antetokounmpo weighed in on the hype surrounding young Victor Wembanyama, who is considered one of the best prospects around. Wembanyama, likely to be the top pick in the 2023 NBA draft, boasts of a mix of qualities rarely seen before. At 7’3”, Wembanyama is athletic, has a fluid three-point shot, and handles the ball like a point-guard. On defence, the 18-year-old can block shots at will.

Antetokounmpo described Wembanyama as a once-in-a-generation talent who breaks all the moulds of a typical basketball player.

“I had the chance to watch him play in 2021, as my younger brother Kostas and Victor were teammates at (French club) ASVEL. Victor is incredible. I believe that in the year 2045, every basketball player will look like Victor. He can shoot, he is extremely fast for his size, and he can block shots. He has the chance to become one of the best to have ever played this game. We have never seen anyone like him before. He will be a good challenge for everyone in the NBA. We have to get ready for this kid,” Antetokounmpo said.

Expanding basketball’s footprint

The six-time NBA All-Star enjoyed playing the two pre-season games in Abu Dhabi and believes such exhibition outings help the sport connect with a global audience. Asked to name two cities where he would like to play pre-season games, Antetokounmpo replied, “Maybe Shanghai or Beijing. Or maybe somewhere in India. We must try to expand the game as much as possible. A lot of people around the world love basketball, and we have to present the game to them.”

(The author was in Abu Dhabi on invitation from NBA India.)

GAME THEORY

Max’s place among F1’s elite

After sealing his second drivers’ world championship in Japan, Max Verstappen has risen up the ranks of the top drivers in Formula One history. A look at where the 25-year-old stands:

Repeat success: Verstappen is the 11th driver to win back-to-back titles. Michael Schumacher and Lewis Hamilton are the only ones to have registered more than one streak of consecutive crowns

Driver	Seasons won	Titles in a row
Michael Schumacher	2000-04	5
Juan Manuel Fangio	1954-57	4
Sebastian Vettel	2010-13	4
Lewis Hamilton	2017-20	4
Alberto Ascari	1952-53	2
Jack Brabham	1959-60	2
Alain Prost	1985-86	2
Ayrton Senna	1990-91	2
Michael Schumacher	1994-95	2
Mika Hakkinen	1998-99	2
Fernando Alonso	2005-06	2
Lewis Hamilton	2014-15	2
Max Verstappen	2021-22	2

Most titles: Verstappen is one of 17 multi-time world champions

Driver	Titles
Michael Schumacher, Lewis Hamilton	7
Juan Manuel Fangio	5
Alain Prost, Sebastian Vettel	4
Jack Brabham, Jackie Stewart, Niki Lauda, Nelson Piquet, Ayrton Senna	3
Alberto Ascari, Graham Hill, Jim Clark, Emerson Fittipaldi, Mika Hakkinen, Fernando Alonso, Max Verstappen	2

Most race wins: Verstappen is now joint sixth on the list of drivers with the most Grand Prix wins

Driver	Wins
Lewis Hamilton	103
Michael Schumacher	91
Sebastian Vettel	53
Alain Prost	51
Ayrton Senna	41
Fernando Alonso	32
Max Verstappen	32

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Rowing’s new wave

The photograph features competitors in the World Rowing Coastal Championships held in Saundersfoot (Wales) last week.

Raced on wide expanses of open water in boats designed to handle waves, coastal rowing is one of the fastest growing disciplines in the sport.

The World Championships are the pinnacle event, although that could change — coastal rowing is reportedly tipped to make its Olympic debut at the 2028 Games in Los Angeles.

Last week’s competition — an endurance race over a 4km and 6km stretch of choppy water, with buoy turn-points, between Saundersfoot and Wisemans Bridge — attracted more than 500 rowers from across the world.

“It was far rougher, wavier, swellier than I thought it was going to be,” New Zealand’s Emma Dyke, one of the competitors, said of her experience. “Literally you’re up in the air and then you’re dumped down the next second… definitely far more wild than I thought it was going to be.”

The racing continues this weekend in a shorter, faster format: sprint rowing across a 250m course, with a ‘run, race, run’ concept where crews sprint to their boats to start the race.

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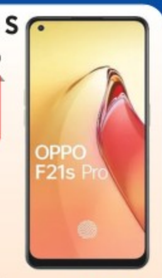
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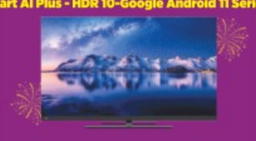
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From Page One

Ola, Uber, Rapido to offer auto services

Justice M.G.S. Kamal passed the interim order after the State Government admitted that it has not looked into the Motor Vehicles Aggregator Guidelines (MVAG) 2020 issued by the Central Government in November 2020, and sought 10-15 days for fixation of rates for autorickshaw services offered by aggregators based on the MVAG 2020.

Earlier, Justice Kamal told the government counsel that the Central Government had come out with guidelines in 2020 that addresses the issues that have cropped up in Karnataka on autorickshaw services and regulation of fares to be charges by the aggregators, in a scientific and technical manner.

Contrary to the State Government's claim that aggregators cannot offer autorickshaw services, the court found that MVAG 2020 lists autorickshaws, e-rickshaw, motor cab, motorcycle and bus as vehicles that can be offered through the platforms of aggregators.

The Advocate General responded by saying that the government is open to look into the issues while considering the MVAG 2020, and sought time to come out with rate fixation for offering autorickshaw services by app-based aggregators.

But, the A-G insisted that aggregators, who do not have a specific licence for offering autorickshaw services through their platforms, refrain from collecting fares in excess of those notified by the government on June 11, 2021. Advocates representing the aggregators said that they cannot run the services sans collecting additional charges, and the A-G's insistence will only result in shutting down their services. Later, the AG, on instruction from Transport Department officials, told the court that the aggregators may be allowed to collect 5-10% additional charges.

Though advocates for the aggregators said that it would be difficult to operate with 10% additional charges while seeking at least 20% additional charges, the court said 10% additional charges would be only for the time being to meet the ends of justice keeping in mind the interest of all the stakeholders, including the general public.

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The Emirates flight EK562 carrying 224 passengers from Dubai was a special flight ahead of the launch of its scheduled A380 services that will commence on October 30.

The world's largest passenger aircraft - the Airbus A380 - made its maiden touchdown at the Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) on Friday.

The Emirates flight EK562 carrying 224 passengers from Dubai which landed on KIA's second runway was a special flight ahead of the launch of its scheduled A380 services that will commence on October 30. The flight took off from the Dubai International Airport at 10 a.m. and landed in Bengaluru at 3.30 p.m.

"This flight is a milestone. We are very delighted to bring the A380 to this part of the world. The commercial flight service which will commence on October 30 will link Bengaluru to more than 130 destinations via Dubai. Bengaluru will also join Emirates' network of over 30 destinations serviced by the A380 aircraft, " said Adnan Karim, chief commercial officer, Emirates.

BIAL MD and CEO Hari Marar, said "I want to extend a very warm welcome to that model of engineering (A380). We are absolutely delighted to have this aircraft here. It is a milestone for all of us. The landing of this aircraft is one of the most talked about things in aviation circles. From KIA's perspective, this could not have come at a better time as we are on the verge of completing a major expansion programme which began four years ago."

When the scheduled services begin on October 30, Bengaluru will become the second city in India to be serviced by the A380. Emirates launched its first A380 service in India on the Dubai-Mumbai route in 2014. Starting October 30, Emirates A380 flights between Dubai and Bengaluru will operate as EK568 and EK569.

The daily flight will leave Dubai at 9.35 p.m., arriving at Bengaluru at 2.30 a.m.

The return flight departs Bengaluru at 4.30 p.m. arriving in Dubai at 7.20 p.m. (local time).

Emirates said that the A380 aircraft features first class service with amenities such as shower spa and onboard lounge, business class cabins providing superior levels of comfort and privacy and spacious seats in economy class. The maiden flight of the A380 was welcomed by Minister for Cooperation S.T. Somashekar.

Vande Bharat Express to Chennai from Nov. 10

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

The 3rd and 4th Vande Bharat Express trains were dedicated to Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh. FILE PHOTO

The country's 5th Vande Bharat Express train will ply on the Mysuru-Bengaluru-Chennai section, and will be flagged off on November 10.

Mysuru MP Pratap Simha took to Twitter to thank Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw.

He told *The Hindu* that the rake availability has also been confirmed to him by officials in the Railway Ministry and the prestigious train service will be flagged off on November 10 from Bengaluru by Prime Minister Narendra Modi when he comes to the city to inaugurate the second terminal of Kempegowda International Airport (KIA).

Though the Minister for Railways had recently announced a Vande Bharat Express train from Hubballi to Bengaluru, sources said it can take place only after completion of the track electrification some time in February or March 2023. But sources in the Railways said the government did not want to wait till February or March, as Karnataka is set to go for polls in early 2023 and a delay in completion of electrification works could upset its plans of introduction of the train in case the elections were announced around the same time and model code of conduct kicked in. Hence, it was decided to introduce the train immediately.

Incidentally, the 3rd and the 4th Vande Bharat Express trains were dedicated to Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh, where elections are scheduled later this year. Sources said when the Prime Minister visits Karnataka, it would make sense to inaugurate a few prestigious projects, which is why flagging off of the Vande Bharat Express has been included along with inauguration of T2 of KIA.

The newer version of Vande Bharat Express trains can reach a speed of 100 km/hr in 52 seconds, and run at a maximum speed of 180 kmph, weighs about 392 tons instead of 430 tons of the older version of the same train, and is reckoned to be 15% more energy efficient. The stretch between Mysuru and Bengaluru, which has nearly 135 curves, is not conducive to trains running at high speed. "Realignment of the track, and reducing track curvature will be our next endeavour," said Mr. Simha.

Officials are not sure whether the Vande Bharat Express would be a new service or would replace the existing Shatabdi Express between Mysuru and Chennai.

We're tying to remove 'range anxiety' of EV owners in India: BPCL

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) on Friday said it would set up two fast-charging EV corridors, Bangalore-Mysuru-Coorg and Bengaluru-Chennai, in South India in the next six months.

Distance of 100 km

To start with, every 100 kilometers would have a fast charging facility, in 15 to 20 minutes, to equip EVs to cover a distance of 100 kms.

These 25 KW charging stations can also be self-operable to make it more convenient for customers round the clock, said the company.

P.S. Ravi, Executive Director In-charge (Retail), BPCL, told *The Hindu* that more such fast charging EV corridors were being planned in Karnataka and in the southern region of the country and all these would be part of the oil major's mandate to set up over 200 such corridors in the country.

Increased frequency

"The range anxiety is the biggest worry on the mind of EV owners today in the country. We are trying to address this issue by offering quick charging facilities every 100 km. Later, we will also increase the frequency of such charging stations as the EV population increases," he added.

Multiple options

BPCL would also convert over 7,000 of its conventional fuel retail outlets into energy stations to facilitate multiple fueling options to customers across the country, said Mr. Ravi, while addressing a media conference here.

As a precursor to its EV drive, BPCL had already set up such fast-charging corridors on Chennai-Trichy-Madurai Highway. Also, fast chargers have been installed at nice fuel stations along Bangalore-Mysore-Kodagu and Bengaluru-Chennai corridors.

Dasara brings 'fortune' to Mysuru KSRTC

Shankar Bennur
MYSURU

The recently-concluded Dasara has come as a big revenue booster to the Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) whose returns were severely hit by the pandemic in the last two years. The Mysuru division alone has realised a record revenue of ₹4.76 crore running special Dasara operations for ferrying passengers to the city of palaces.

In a span of 10 days, the special buses ferried 6.82 lakh passengers. The revenue and passenger load achieved in 10 days is a record in the history of Mysuru division. "The returns and passengers travelled were the highest so far in the division's history. The operations were incident-free and passenger-friendly. The special operations can be a model for the corporation in handling a record number of passengers in a short span of time," said Ashok Kumar, Divisional Controller, KSRTC, Mysuru.

The Mysuru division operated 271 special buses for handling the Dasara rush both on intercity and intracity routes. "The revenue that we have achieved has come only from 271 buses. We have not included the revenue from the regular route buses. Also, 6.5 lakh passengers were travelling only in these buses since we got the data on travellers as they were special operations," Mr. Kumar told *The Hindu*.

The Mysuru division reported record departures on Sunday post-Dasara and the revenue that was realised the next day (on Monday) is included in the total Dasara revenue which was handed over to the central office in Bengaluru.

What is notable is that the operations were "accident-free" and "breakdown-free". Whenever operations of this nature were run, there would be some amount of limitations. However, the division has documented that the services were free from any complaints. "This is another factor that needs to be applauded. This achievement gives us a kind of satisfaction of serving the public. The credit goes to the Mysuru team of KSRTC. There were no issues whatsoever from the drivers and conductors in meeting the expectations of handling the record passenger load in a record span of time as the entire staff rose to the occasion and handled the Dasara rush in a professional manner," the divisional controller explained.

The Mysuru division had to get buses from neighboring districts for handling the rush.

Man held; gold chains recovered

Special Correspondent
BENGALURU

The Kamakashipalya police arrested a man and recovered three gold chains worth ₹3 lakh he had allegedly stolen from jewellery shops posing as a customer.

The accused, Ramesh K.H., 28, from Hegganahalli was arrested based on a complaint filed by Dinesh, owner of Krishna jewellery shop on Magadi road, on August 31. The accused visited the gold shop seeking to buy a gold chain. While checking the design, he diverted Dinesh's attention and pocketed two chains.

Diploma examination results announced

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The results of the diploma examinations conducted by the Technical Examination Board during August and September 2022 have been announced on Friday at all the Polytechnics across the State, according to an official release.

The results are also available on the www.examresults.net, the release stated.

Braille-enabled menus launched

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

CII Yi, Bengaluru, in association with Sankara Eye Hospital and Hotel Empire, launched a 'Braille Menu' across its 31 outlets in Bengaluru.

In a release, Aravind, Chapter Chair said, "Young Indians believe that as young leaders, we need to ensure that every visually impaired person can be independent. This is another initiative to create awareness about being inclusive. We invite other hoteliers to reach out to us so that more restaurants across Bengaluru can be made accessible."

"We at Sankara Eye Hospital are glad to partner with Young Indians in enabling the blind to order what they want to eat with the Braille menu at Empire," shared Anita, Head, Vision Rehabilitation, Sankara Eye Hospital.

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First case in State under anti-conversion law registered in city

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The city police have registered the first case under The Karnataka Right to Protection of Right to Freedom of Religion Act, 2022, (called the 'anti-conversion law') in a case where a girl, who is a major, allegedly converted to Islam and married a youth she was in love with. The Act was notified on September 30.

The Yeshwanthpur police registered the case acting on a complaint by the girl's mother and arrested the youth, even before recording the girl's statement on the matter.

The girl, a Hindu, from Uttar Pradesh, living in the city for the past 15 years, went missing on October 5. Her mother lodged a complaint at the Yeshwanthpur police station on October 6. Two days later, the girl turned up with Syed Moyin, 24, a resident of the same area and claimed they had gone to Penukonda in Andhra Pradesh and had married of their own free will. The girl claimed she had converted to Islam.

The mother complained on Thursday that her daughter had been converted to Islam on the pretext of marriage, based on which the Yeshwanthpur police registered a case under Sections 3 and 5 of The Karnataka Right to Protection of Right to Freedom of Religion Act, 2022. Section 3 of the Act prohibits "conversion from one religion to another religion by misrepresentation, force, fraud, undue influence, coercion, allurement or by promise of marriage" and is liable to a prison sentence of three to five years apart from a fine. Acting on the complaint, police arrested Moyin and sent him to judicial custody.

When asked whether the girl had also alleged forcible conversion, Vinayak Patil, DCP (North), said it was under investigation and the police were yet to question and record her statement. "Even if she converted of her own will, there is a clear procedure laid out under the Act for that," he said. Under Section 4 of the Act, parents and blood relatives were authorised to lodge a complaint, he added.

'Abuse of law'

Advocate Robin Christopher said the arrest was clearly "an abuse of the law", as the parents were using the law as a "tool of vengeance" against the boy. "The police should have at least recorded the girl's statement to see whether she converted of her own free will or not," he said. Questions have also been raised over the jurisdiction of the act, as the alleged conversion took place in Penukonda, where the law does not apply.

Arvind Narrain, president, People's Union of Civil Liberties (PUCL) - Karnataka, said the case only showed how the law disregarded the choices of adults pertaining to love and religion, which amounted to violation of right to privacy.

Yellow alert issued; light to moderate rainfall forecast till October 19

Residents complained about inundation in Koramangala, Bannerghatta, Indiranagar, Kadubeesanahalli underpass, and other areas on Friday

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Following heavy rains in Bengaluru over the past two days, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued a yellow alert for the city till Saturday and also forecast moderate rains till October 19.

Though the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) did not receive any complaints of flooding or rain-related damages, residents complained about inundation in Koramangala, Bannerghatta, Road, Indiranagar, Kadubeesanahalli underpass, Mahadevapura, Airport Road, and Sarjapur Road on Friday, after the city received 66 mm of rainfall overnight.

Bengaluru witnessed a foggy morning on Friday following heavy rain overnight. K. MURALI KUMAR

People shared on social media images of flooded roads on Friday. After the downpour, traffic congestion was reported on the Outer Ring Road in Bellandur and other parts of the city, including, HSR Layout, Hebbal, Mysuru Road, Tumakuru Road, Hosur Road, K.R. Puram, and a few roads in the Central Business District.

Road caves in

A traffic advisory was issued by the HAL airport traffic police on Friday after a road caved in near Suranjan Das Road following rain. "A small cave-in was reported on the stretch, and we have repaired it. This is because of rain, no other major issue," said a BBMP official. The HAL traffic police issued an advisory and said that there is a slow vehicle movement towards Marathahalli due to the incident and commuters were advised to use alternative routes.

After the downpour, formation of mist was reported from parts of the city – NICE Road, Mysuru Road, and Kengeri – on Friday morning.

The IMD on Friday said heavy rain is likely to occur at isolated places over Bagalkote, Belagavi, Dharwad, Haveri, Kalaburagi, Koppal districts of North Interior Karnataka, and Ballari, Bengaluru Rural, Bengaluru Urban, Chamarajanagar, Chikkamagaluru, Chitradurga, Hassan, Kodagu, Mandya, Shivamogga and Tumkur districts of South Interior Karnataka.For Bengaluru city, for the next 48 hours, the IMD forecast said, "Generally cloudy sky, a few spells of rain or thundershowers very likely. Maximum and minimum temperatures are very likely to be around 28 and 20 degree Celsius respectively."

After several delays, civic body sets Oct. 31 deadline for completion of key projects

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BENGALURU

After missing several deadlines over many years, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has now set October 31 as the date by which the work on five key projects will be completed, ahead of the festival season and the Global Investors Meet.

The BBMP took the decision after Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath reviewed the progress of the projects on Friday. In a release, BBMP Chief Engineer (Projects) said, "Further to the directions, and in view of the upcoming festival season and the scheduled Global Investors Meet in Bengaluru, we have identified some of the key ongoing projects which shall be expedited, and completed on or before 31st of October 2022."

The flyover at Shivananda Circle in Bengaluru. FILE PHOTO

Shivananda Circle flyover

According to the BBMP, the proposed date of completion of the flyover between Shivananda Circle and Race Course junction is fixed for October 23. The flyover, the construction of which began in 2017, has run into controversies ever since.

The civic body recently opened the flyover to traffic despite the beautification work under the structure being incomplete. Following quality concerns, the BBMP asked the Indian Institute of Science to submit a report after a technical analysis. However, the flyover was opened for traffic even before submission of the report by IISc.

Days before the project was to be completed in November 2021, the BBMP opted for a design change to make do with the available land.

The project was conceived in 2011 and the State Cabinet approved ₹19.8 crore in 2017. Later, the project cost shot up to ₹39.5 crore as the earlier planned 326-metre flyover had to be extended to 492.84 metres.

Other projects

Ongoing road projects, from Mathikere main road junction to railway parallel road junction, and from Domlur flyover to Ejipura junction will be completed by October 31, according to the BBMP.

The deadline for completion of TenderSURE work on K.G. Road (from Mysore Bank junction to Majestic) and N.R. Road is 31 October.

Project deadlines

- Shivananda Circle to Race Course junction flyover: **October 23**
- Mohan Kumar Road from Mathikere main road junction to Railway parallel road junction: **October 31**
- Intermediate Ring Road from Domlur flyover to Ejipura junction: **October 31**
- N.R. Road TenderSURE: **October 31**
- K.G.Road TenderSURE: **October 31**

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Bengaluru Tomorrow
26°C A comfortable but humid weather to continue. Night will be pleasant. Few spells of moderate to heavy rain and thundershower to occur.

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JEE (Advanced) topper selects IISc-Bengaluru for B-Tech

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R.K. Shishir, a Bengaluru student and all-India topper of JEE (Advanced)-2022, has selected Indian Institute of Science (IISc)-Bengaluru instead of Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)-Bombay for his B-Tech graduation.

Earlier, Shishir desired to pursue Computer Science Engineering at IIT-Bombay and had plan to set up a start-up. But, he changed his mind and decided to research in Computer Science stream.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, he said he chose IISc because he is more interested in a start-up or research. "IISc is the best research institute in the country," he said.

"I selected Maths in computing in B-Tech. Maths is a very important subject in Computer Science. It is the new updated computer course. After I complete my B-Tech degree, I plan to set up a start-up. In case it does not work out, I will try to get a postgraduate degree in foreign universities and pick research and development," Shishir said.

Shishir also topped CET-2022 in Pharmacy and fourth in Engineering.

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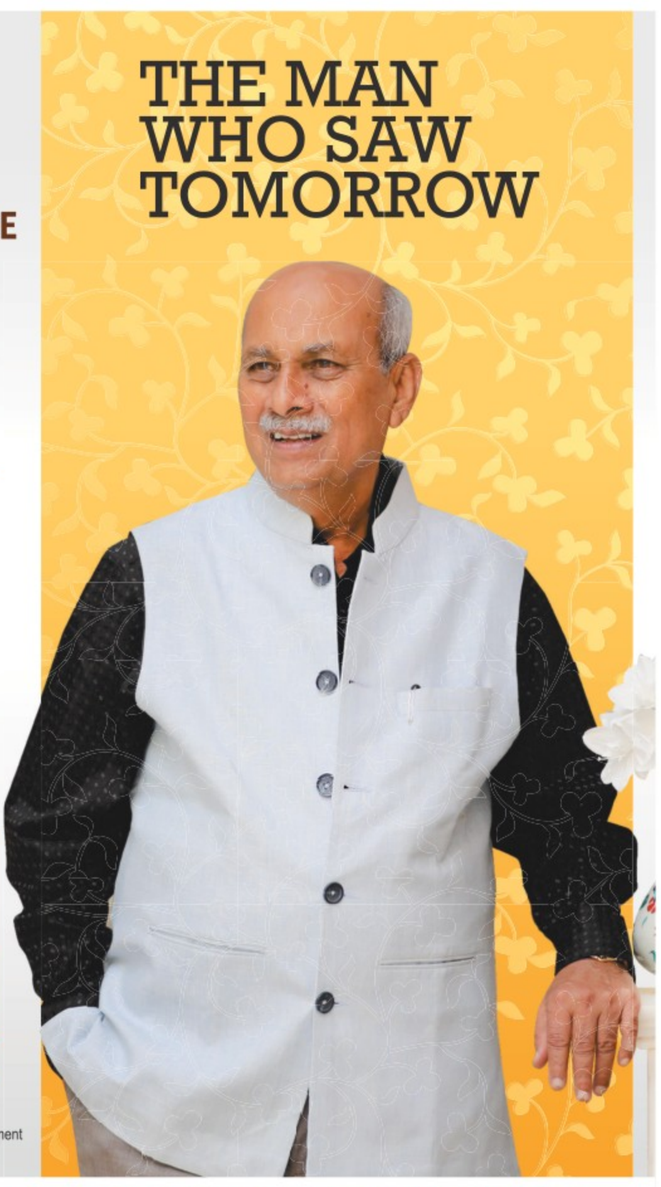

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Govt. staff to donate ₹100 cr. for Punyakoti scheme

Responding positively to the call by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, the State government employees are set to contribute ₹80 crore to ₹100 crore towards Punyakoti cattle adoption scheme of the government.

Office-bearers of the Karnataka State Government Employees' Union, led by president C.S. Shadakshari, handed over a commitment letter in this regard to the Chief Minister in Bengaluru.

While Group A and Group B officers will make a one-time donation of ₹11,000 and ₹4,000, respectively, Group C officials will contribute ₹400 each. The donations would be deducted from the salaries of the staff in the months of October and November. The Chief Minister said more than one lakh aged cattle were in goshalas being run by the government.

127 Dalit families embrace Buddhism in Yadgir

As many as 127 families, around 350 people, from the Dalit community embraced Buddhism at Shorapur on Friday and celebrated the 66th Dhamma Chakra Pravartana Din. Granddaughter of B.R. Ambedkar, Ayushmati Ramatayi Ambedkar, was present at the event.

The programme was organised by the Golden Cave Buddha Vihar Trust and its president Venkatesh Hosmani, who also took deeksha with his two sons.

Explaining the hardship that they were facing as members of the Dalit community, Mr. Hosmani said that caste discrimination had forced them to embrace Buddhism.

Pujya Varajyothi Bhanteji, honorary president of Golden Cave Bhuddha Vihar, performed the formalities of 'deeksha'.

Haryana tops, Karnataka is sixth in governance of social, economic, political justice

Karnataka ranked third among big States in economic justice in the Public Affairs Index, 2022; among 10 smaller States, Sikkim topped the list followed by Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

While the BJP-ruled Haryana topped the list of ranking in the Public Affairs Index (PAI), 2022, Karnataka, also ruled by the party, secured the sixth place in delivery of social, economic, and political justice, among 18 large States.

The seventh edition of PAI brought out by the Bengaluru-based Public Affairs Centre (PAC) on Governance in the States in India was released on Friday. It said Haryana, with a score of 0.6948, topped the list in three kinds of justices, followed by Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Chhattisgarh, Punjab, and Karnataka. Karnataka, which secured seventh place in 2021, secured sixth place with a score of 0.6216 in 2022.

Among the larger States, Maharashtra, West Bengal, and Jharkhand secured 16th, 17th, and 18th places, respectively, in the delivery of three types of justices.

Smaller States
Among 10 smaller States, Sikkim topped the list with a score of 0.5715 while Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand secured second and third places, respectively.

Aspects such as labour productivity, wages of workers, public expenditure, social safety net, and employment opportunities have been included in the economic justice category, while political justice included aspects such as devolution of powers to rural and urban local bodies, the incidence of crime, policing, and redress of undertrial population. Social justice included learning outcomes for school-goers, safer drinking water, and sanitation, early childhood development outcomes, ease of logistics and trade, and regularity and reliability of power supply.

Retired IAS officer and PAC director G. Gurucharan, retired Chief Secretary A. Ravindra, and senior advocate V. Sudhish Pai shared their thoughts on the performance of States in social, economic, and political justice.

In the delivery of economic justice (equities and inequities), Congress-ruled Chhattisgarh secured the top rank with a score of 0.83 while Haryana (0.8) and Karnataka (0.79) secured second and third position, respectively. West Bengal secured the last rank with a score of 0.18. Among the smaller States, Sikkim topped the list with a score of 0.612 while Uttarakhand was on the bottom with a score of 0.093.

Political justice
In the delivery of political justice, DMK-ruled Tamil Nadu occupied the top place with 0.875 score and Kerala and Madhya Pradesh secured second and third places, respectively. Karnataka secured eighth place with a score of 0.639.

Among the smaller States, Uttarakhand secured the top place with a score of 0.615 while Goa secured the last place (0.380).

Social justice
In the delivery of social justice comprising endowments and entitlements, AAP-ruled Punjab emerged on the top with a score of 0.916 while Haryana and Kerala secured second and third places, respectively. Karnataka secured 10th place with a score of 0.436.

Among the smaller States, Uttarakhand topped the table with a score of 0.778 score and Nagaland secured the last position (0.105).

Mr. Gurucharan said the seventh edition of the report makes a paradigmatic shift in its approach adopting the constitutionally mandated framework of the roles and responsibilities of States as the basis to assess the quality and adequacy of their governance performance during 2021-22.

Mr. Pai said, "The Constitution represents a charter of power granted by liberty and not a charter of liberty granted by power. The rights and liberties of the people limit the State's authority. What obtains is limited government of enumerated powers."

Public Affairs Index ranking

- Top among big States in economic, political justice: **Haryana, Tamil Nadu, Kerala**
- Bottom among big States in economic, political justice: **Maharashtra, West Bengal, and Jharkhand.**
- Top among small States in economic, political justice: **Sikkim, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand**
- Top among big States in economic justice: **Chhattisgarh, Haryana, and Karnataka**
- Top among big States in political justice: **Tamil Nadu, Kerala, and Madhya Pradesh**
- Top among big States in social justice: **Punjab, Haryana, and Kerala**

Murugha Mutt seer moves High Court seeking bail

FROM THE COURT

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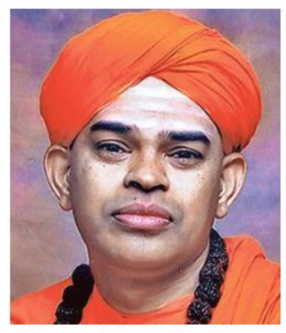

Shivamurthy Murugha Sharanaru

Shivamurthy Murugha Sharanaru, seer and president of Sri Jagadguru Murugarajendra Brihan Mutt, has moved the High Court of Karnataka seeking bail in the criminal case registered against him under the provisions of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act on the allegation of sexually assaulting two minor girls.

Justice J.M. Khazi, before whom the 64-year-old seer's appeal came up for hearing, has adjourned further hearing on the petition till October 28.

It has been contended in the petition that the Sessions Court in Chitradurga, which had on September 23 declined to grant bail, had failed to notice that keeping the petitioner in custody would infringe his personal liberty as the investigation against him is almost complete after he surrendered before the police on September 1.

The petitioner has claimed that question of he fleeing from the process of justice does not arise as he is the head of a mutt, and well-educated and a law-abiding person of repute.

Also, it has been claimed in the petition that there is no material to indicate commission of offence under the provisions of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989.

The 2nd Additional District and Sessions Court, Chitradurga, had said that if the seer is released on bail, he may tamper with the prosecution witnesses cannot be brushed aside as the seer is a permanent resident of the mutt, and the witnesses and the victims too are staying onthe same premises.

"The petitioner [seer] is in a very influential position being the peetadipathi of a mutt, and he is financially and socially powerful as could be gathered from the documents produced by the petitioner himself. Because of his position in the mutt, the apprehension of the Special Public Prosecutor that witnesses may be influenced and there is a danger of justice being thwarted by grant of bail are to be held reasonable," the Sessions Court had observed while stating that there is a *prima facie* case against the seer.

Medical reasons
The Sessions Court had also declined to consider medical reasons for grant of bail stating that medical records produced were of the year 2018 and if any medical treatment is required, the same can be provided in under judicial custody.

Bharat Jodo Yatra's last stop in State set for Rahul's public rally today

The Hindu Bureau
BALLARI

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi during the party's 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' from Rampura to Ballari on Friday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, who is leading the party's Bharat Jodo Yatra for the last 37 days, is set to address a public rally in Ballari on Saturday, before crossing Karnataka border to continue the walk in Andhra Pradesh. The constituency from which his mother and AICC president Sonia Gandhi won the Lok Sabha election in 1999 will be the venue for the only big public rally in the State as part of the yatra.

Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee president D.K. Shivakumar said Ballari was a natural choice since it was on arrival here that the yatra completes 1,000 km of the total 3,570-km length. The yatra was launched in Kanyakumari, Tamil Nadu, on September 7.

Mysuru could not be
According to sources, the party initially wanted to hold a rally in Mysuru too, but that could not be held because Dasara celebrations were then in full swing. Ballari then became a natural choice for two reasons – one, it is the only big city on the yatra route after Mysuru, and two, its association with Ms. Gandhi.

Ms. Gandhi had entered electoral politics by contesting from Congress stronghold Ballari as well as Gandhi family bastion Amethi in the 1999 elections. With BJP firebrand and the then Delhi Chief Minister Sushma Swaraj jumping into the fray in Ballari with a slogan of "Videshi Bahu Vs. Swadeshi Bheti", the election was fiercely fought. Ms. Gandhi won both seats and retained Amethi. Congress leaders expect a turnout of around three lakh people from Ballari and surrounding districts. It appears also to be an attempt to reclaim what was once the party's stronghold, until the arrival of mining barons changed the political scenario. The selection of Ballari for the mega event was made considering its strategic importance in the electoral politics in the days to come.

The yatra entered Ballari district around 4 p.m. on Friday and the participants stayed near the Halakundi Math. The yatra will start at 6.30 a.m. on Saturday and cover a 7-km stretch to reach Kamma Bhavan in Ballari city by 10 a.m. The public event starts at 1.30 p.m. at the Municipal High School ground.

Break for AICC president election

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BALLARI

On Sunday, the Bharat Jodo Yatra will leave Ballari in the morning and exit Karnataka to halt at Chatragudi Hanuman temple in Kurnool district of Andhra Pradesh. The participants will take a break on Monday – the day of polling for the AICC president post – to allow the voters to exercise their franchise. KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar said a polling booth would be established at the yatra camp for the voters, including Rahul Gandhi.

Bharat Biotech evinces interest in investing in State

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Company's CMD holds meeting with Minister for Large and Medium Industries Murugesh Nirani in Hyderabad

Covaxin maker Bharat Biotech has evinced interest in investing in Karnataka, according to an official release.

Krishna M. Ella, chairman and MD of Bharat Biotech, met Minister for Large and Medium Industries Murugesh R. Nirani in Hyderabad on Friday. Mr. Ella, however, did not divulge details of the nature and extent of the investment and said he would soon come out on investment plan.

In a meeting held in Hyderabad as a part of a roadshow for Karnataka's Global Investors' Meet, scheduled to be held from November 2 to 4 in Bengaluru, Mr. Nirani appraised Mr. Ella about potential areas of investment and advantages of investing in Karnataka.

"There is an intention to invest in Karnataka, where the industrial environment is favourable for business," said Mr. Ella. The Minister invited Mr. Ella to the Global Investors Meet.

Mr. Nirani also met several other investors in Hyderabad.

Fresh FIR against seer under POCSO Act

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

A fresh FIR under POCSO Act pertaining to molestation of minors has been registered by the Mysuru police against seer of Murugha Mutt Shivamurthy Murugha Sharanaru.

The Nazarbad police registered the case based on a complaint filed late on Thursday night. The complainant first approached Odanadi Seva Samsthe, an NGO fighting human trafficking, and sought help for filing the complaint against the seer.

A member of the Child Welfare Committee said the complainant has accused the seer of molesting her two children. Besides, the complainant alleged that two other children had been harassed.

The police have named seven persons in the FIR, including the seer and the warden of the hostel attached to the mutt in Chitradurga.

The Nazarbad police said the case had been transferred to Chitradurga police.

The seer was arrested on September 1 following a complaint of sexual harassment of minors.

CM directs dept. to release ₹13 crore for handling lumpy skin disease among cattle

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Close on the heels of the lumpy skin disease in cattle causing concern among farmers, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Friday directed the Finance Department to immediately release ₹13 crore for treatment and vaccination of cattle suffering from the disease and also to pay compensation for the death of cattle.

The direction was issued by the Chief Minister at a meeting to review the measures taken to prevent the rapid spreading of the disease.

The disease has been noticed in 4,380 villages of 160 taluks in 28 districts. Of the total 45,645 head of cattle afflicted by the disease, 26,135 have recovered while 2,070 have died.

The Chief Minister said ₹2 crore had already been released towards compensation for the cattle death. An additional ₹5 crore will be released towards the treatment of cattle and ₹8 crore would be used for vaccinating them. The Chief Minister said 6.57 lakh head of cattle in the State had already been vaccinated against this disease.

The Chief Minister clarified that this disease would not spread to people if they drank the milk of the affected cows. He stressed the need for creating public awareness in this regard.

Karnataka to have a uniform brand name to market products of FPOs

Raviprasad Kamila
UDUPI

Karnataka will soon have the State government-recognised uniform branding for the products of farmer-producer organisations (FPOs) to boost their marketing.

According to M.V. Venkatesh, chairman, Action Group for the Uniform Branding of FPOs in Karnataka, when the brand name with a tagline and a logo is finalised and announced within two months from now, Karnataka will become the first State in the country to do so.

On the sidelines of a conclave of exporters and FPOs, organised to promote the export of farm products of coastal Karnataka, Mr. Venkatesh, who is also the Commissioner of the Department of Watershed Development, told *The Hindu* that the government received 200-250 names in an open contest organised recently. The participants in the contest, involving prizes worth ₹2 lakh, had to send a brand name with a tagline and a logo by September.

Once the brand name is finalised, products such as Mattu Gulla, which has the GI tag, will have their names under the mother brand name.

Names sought
The government has also begun approaching senior writers and poets in the State to suggest a name.

"Later a committee, headed by me, will finalise the top 10 names. We will submit those names to the Agriculture Minister and the Chief Minister. The final name selected will be used as the mother brand name to market the products of FPOs," Mr. Venkatesh said adding that it would be the brand name of the Karnataka government.

For example, Mattu Gulla of Udupi which enjoys the Geographic Indication tag, or a mango of Kolar or a pulse of Kalaburagi would have their names under the mother brand name. "The mother brand name should connect with people in other parts of the country and abroad too," he said.

To begin with, the focus would be on marketing non-perishable products such as millets, spices, and honey of FPOs, he said. An official from the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development said the State had about 700 FPOs.

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No time for placebo

India has to work harder on its image of having an independent drug regulator

India's apex drug regulator, the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO), has barred Haryana-based Maiden Pharmaceuticals Limited from manufacturing medicinal drugs. This was after some of the cold-and-cough syrup it manufactured and exported to The Gambia were marked out by the World Health Organization (WHO) as being linked to the deaths of 66 children there. The concoctions were apparently contaminated with diethylene glycol (DEG) and ethylene glycol that may have caused acute kidney failure. The Indian government has said that a full report from WHO, establishing a clear, causal link is awaited. The Union Health Ministry has constituted a technical committee to advise the Government on its future course of action against the company. The provisions of India's Drugs and Cosmetics Act, in theory, come down heavily on manufacturers for making adulterated drugs, and on gross violations of prescribed manufacturing practices with imprisonment up to 10 years and fines up to ₹10 lakh. These provisions have been rarely executed despite multiple instances of DEG poisoning in India. In 2020, cough syrup made by the Himachal Pradesh-based Digital Vision killed 13 children in Jammu and Himachal Pradesh; tests showed the presence of DEG. Other inspections by regulatory bodies found that Digital Vision had violated mandatory manufacturing practices that would have ensured drugs were not contaminated with DEG. However, there have been no successful prosecutions, because, as in other instances of adulteration, there is little sustained follow-up to prove to the courts that the products were directly responsible for the deaths.

Given that the deaths in The Gambia have evoked an international outcry – it was highlighted by WHO and India has a reputation as a major global supplier of drugs and vaccines – there will likely be greater scrutiny of India's actions. Early responses from India's health establishment have not been encouraging, with assurances that the drugs were only cleared for export to The Gambia and not for sale in India. In any case, this is disingenuous as Maiden Pharmaceuticals, whose products were banned in Kerala earlier and flagged for substandard quality in Tamil Nadu, has marketed the same formulation under different names, and there is no reason to assume that their domestic wares undergo a higher standard of production. In the global market of pharmaceuticals, the pandemic burnished the credentials of India's vaccine manufacturers as vital to ensuring that the whole world accessed medicine equitably. To rise up the value chain, whether it be vaccines or drugs, India has to work harder at its image of having an impartial and independent regulator that can be trusted internationally as well as domestically.

Smash hit

NASA's DART gives hope that science can ward off extraterrestrial threats

For the very first time, NASA scientists have succeeded in slightly altering the trajectory of an asteroid by using a spacecraft to slam into it. On September 27, 4.44 a.m. IST, a small spacecraft DART (Double Asteroid Redirection Test) was aimed at a 160-metre-wide asteroid Dimorphos, which was orbiting a larger asteroid Didymos, both of which were circling the sun, 11.2 million kilometres from the earth. Since neither body would have come closer than about 6.4 million km of the earth in their lifetime, they did not pose any threat. However, DART was a test mission to see if this technique, known as kinetic impactor, would give the necessary 'nudge' to an asteroid and alter its course by a desired amount. After studying the two bodies for nearly 10 days, NASA announced that the course of the smaller asteroid has indeed been altered a little: initially, the orbit of Dimorphos around Didymos took 11 hours and 55 minutes. After the impact, a 32-minute alteration in its orbital period has taken place – it is now 11 hours and 23 minutes only. The reason for this test is to learn how to use the kinetic impactor technique to 'nudge' earth-bound asteroids out of the way, years before impact. This is not a last-minute effort. A word of caution: all asteroids are not similar, so more tests have to be done to perfect this technique.

The U.S. is not alone in attempting this. China has a plan to deflect a 40 m wide, earth-crossing asteroid named 2020PN1 by 2026. There is a need to develop this technique because an impact with even a small asteroid can have serious consequences. The Chicxulub crater is a reminder of the impact of a 10 km wide large asteroid that fell on the earth 66 million years ago and wiped out nearly 75% of plant and animal life. An impact with an asteroid even about 100 m wide can destroy a city the size of Chennai. The other question is whether this technique can be used to deflect asteroids bearing rich bounties of minerals and moving them to closer locations from where these can be harvested. No country has made this an explicit aim till now. This first move by NASA to alter the course of a celestial body is a perfect theme for fiction and film; most recently, the film "Don't Look Up" dealt with this theme directly. However, there are many more threats to life on earth, climate change being the most imminent and definite. It is to be hoped that this demonstration of the power of engineering and science can be extrapolated to 'kick-start' a move to avoid the drastic impact of such disasters too.

Do not ignore the role of the woman livestock farmer

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The livestock sector is one of the most rapidly growing components of the rural economy of India, accounting for 5% of national income and 28% of agricultural GDP in 2018-19. In the last six years, the livestock sector grew at 7.9% (at constant prices) while crop farming grew by 2%. Our field studies show that in rural households that own livestock, women are invariably engaged in animal rearing. On the International Day of Rural Women (October 15), we need to recognise the role of women in livestock rearing, and to include women in all facets of livestock development, be it breeding, veterinary care, extension services, training or access to credit and markets.

It is widely recognised that the majority of women workers in rural areas (72%) are engaged in agricultural activities. However, with the exception of participation in dairy co-operatives, specifically in milk marketing, women's role in the livestock economy is not as widely known or discussed. There were five million women members in dairy co-operatives in 2015-16, and this increased further to 5.4 million in 2020-21. Women accounted for 31% of all members of dairy producer cooperatives in 2020-21. In India, the number of women's dairy cooperative societies rose from 18,954 in 2012 to 32,092 in 2015-16.

Issues with data collection

Conventional labour force surveys fail to accurately record women's work in livestock-raising for many reasons. Among the many problems in data collection, two significant ones are the sporadic nature of work undertaken for short spells throughout the day and often carried out within the homestead, and women' own responses. A time use survey in a village of Karnataka showed that a poor peasant woman started her day by collecting dung from the cow shed for 10 minutes (5.15 a.m. to 5.25 a.m.). She engaged in some preparatory cooking tasks for a while. A little later she milked the cow for 25 minutes, and swept and washed the shed for around 30 minutes. After completing other household tasks, she went to work on a construction site. She took two cows along and tied them to graze near the work site. When she returned home in the evening, she again milked the animals and fed them, which took around 40 minutes. After dinner, she fed the animals for the last time in the day. This woman spent around 3.5 hours on livestock-related tasks, which were all combined with household duties. Given this pattern of work, the woman herself may not report "livestock raising" as an economic activity.

> Further, women need to be included in all facets of livestock development — breeding, veterinary care, extension services, training or access to credit and markets

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One way to adjust official statistics for this error is by calculating an augmented work participation rate. In other words, in addition to women reporting themselves as engaged in economic activity, this estimate includes women who reported themselves as "engaged in domestic duty" or care work for the major part of the year but spent time on specific activities such as kitchen gardening, household dairy/poultry, paddy husking, etc.

An underestimation

To illustrate, 12 million rural women were workers in livestock-raising, an estimate based on the Employment and Unemployment Survey of 2011-12. However, with the augmented definition, we estimated that around 49 million rural women were engaged in livestock raising. In short, women actually engaged in the livestock economy were four times the official estimate and a sizeable section of the rural population. Statistics from India's first national Time Use Survey in 2019 corroborate this finding. By recording all activities done in the past 24 hours (be it cooking or working in the fields), 11% of rural women or 48 million women were engaged in animal rearing.

Data from village surveys conducted by the Foundation for Agrarian Studies in Karnataka show that in every household that owned a milch animal, a woman spent at least two hours a day on animal rearing. This was as much as seven to eight hours in some cases depending on other factors such as number and type of animals, and season (in the lean season, when fodder was not easily available, more time was spent on grazing). Additionally, livestock rearing was an occupation of older, less educated, women in the village.

The National Livestock Policy (NLP) of 2013, aimed at increasing livestock production and productivity in a sustainable manner, rightly states that around 70% of the labour for the livestock sector comes from women. One of the goals of this policy was the empowerment of women. The National Livestock Mission (NLM) of 2014-15 was initiated for the development of the livestock sector with a focus on the availability of feed and fodder, providing extension services, and improved flow of credit to livestock farmers. However, the NLM does not propose any schemes or programmes specific to women livestock farmers. The policy proposes that the State government allocates 30% of funds from centrally-sponsored schemes for women. There is no logic for the 30% quota.

Core problems

The problem clearly is that women livestock farmers are not visible to policymakers, and one reason is the lack of gender-disaggregated data, as illustrated here.

First, recent employment surveys such as the Periodic Labour Force Survey fail to collect data on specific activities of persons engaged primarily in domestic duties. So, the undercounting of women in the livestock economy continues.

Second, the reach of extension services to women livestock farmers remains scarce. According to official reports, 80,000 livestock farmers were trained across the country in 2021, but we have no idea how many were women farmers. In our village surveys, only a few women in each village reported receiving any information from extension workers. Women wanted information but wanted it nearer home and at times when they were free.

Third, in our village surveys, women in poor households, without collateral to offer to banks, found it difficult to avail loans to purchase livestock. Around 15 lakh new Kisan Credit Cards (KCC) were provided to livestock farmers under the KCC scheme during 2020-22. There is no information on how many of them were women farmers.

Fourth, women livestock farmers lacked technical knowledge on choice of animals (breeding) and veterinary care. According to our village surveys, men invariably performed these specific tasks and took animals for artificial insemination.

Fifth, our village studies showed that women were not aware of the composition and functions of dairy boards and that men exercised decisions even in women-only dairy cooperatives. Further, the voice of women from landless or poor peasant Scheduled Caste households was rarely heard.

Women's labour is critical to the livestock economy. It follows then that women should be included in every stage of decision-making and development of the livestock sector. Today, women livestock workers remain invisible on account of their absence in official statistics. This must be corrected.

Indian Deep Tech and a case for a strategic fund

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi is making a concerted push for self-reliance in military technology, semiconductors and science-based businesses. However, there is a market failure where typical venture capital will not invest in this asset class, and government money is not nearly enough or is not fast enough. In order to become a developed country in 25 years, India will need to build world-class deep tech capabilities in certain sectors.

To solve this market inefficiency, here is a case for an "India Strategic Fund". Certain innovations in the existing corporate social responsibility (CSR) budgets and high net worth (HNI) tax breaks will incentivise capital flowing into strategic tech.

Our way of life, economic and national security are underpinned to certain general purpose technologies (GPTs). Today, four technology battlegrounds exist, i.e. semiconductors, 5G, revolutions in biology and autonomy. Each of these is vulnerable to military conflict, health emergencies and natural disasters. They are dual use and have steep entry barriers. They are also areas where India is still at the base of the ladder. Self reliance is not just a 'feel good' slogan. It is a survival imperative.

Crucial role of funding

A look at the booming start up ecosystem of Bengaluru is revelatory. There are 10-minute grocery delivery and new fintech unicorns popping up in every corner. But where is India's answer to ARM, NVIDIA, or Hawkeye 360? The answer is plain and simple. It does not exist. And it will not till such time as there is a dedicated pool of funds to tap into.

In the United States, Israel and North Atlantic Treaty Organization countries, government is still the largest source of funds for Deep Tech – a cutting-edge, quantum jump in capability that creates an intellectual property moat. Billions of dollars of funding flow in through agencies such as the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, the Directorate of Defense Research and Development and the Defence and Security Accelerator, much of which becomes the oxygen that small businesses survive on.

> If correctly aligned with the Government's programmes, CSR funds and tax incentives can boost a nascent Indian Deep Tech ecosystem

This has allowed start ups to emerge as a bridge between the IEEE publications or bench top prototypes of academia and production-hungry large industry. In India, this bridge remains unbuilt.

The relevant question is why? The answer: it all boils down to money.

Globally, venture capital is cautious when it comes to Deep Tech. The Indian venture capital ecosystem is not even willing to discuss it. An Indian investor agreeing to fund a laser start up from an IIT Madras laboratory or a battery company out of IIT Mumbai still exists in the realm of the imagination. Not only do investors not understand Deep Tech but also investing in fundamental technology does not fit the 10-year fund return cycle because it takes much longer to mature.

Deep Technology is almost always dual use. For example, position navigation timing technology such as GPS is needed for Google Maps and Uber but is also an extremely important aspect for fighter jet navigation and missile systems.

While the western rhetoric is now beginning to shift towards increasing the military utility of commercially available technology, we need to be cognisant of the fact that strategic technology cannot become the burden of commercial industry alone.

Redirecting CSR and tax incentives

While the Government of India is changing with the launch of the Indian Semiconductor Mission and the Ministry of Defence's flagship iDEX and TDF schemes, depending solely on an already stretched pool of funding is not the solution to galvanise the ecosystem.

There are two avenues to build a movement of patriotic capital.

CSR budgets: by some estimates, the annual CSR budget is ₹15,000 crore, of which a substantial portion goes unutilised. CSR has traditionally been utilised for the social sector. However, this growing corpus should also be used for the development of strategic technology. Large corporations can be incentivised to use some of this budget to serve the strategic needs of the nation. The Government should allow these funds to flow into certain strategic tech startups.

HNIs can also be offered tax incentives to make equity investment in the same critical technology startups which would otherwise be frowned upon as high-risk investments. This would help mitigate the pinch felt with lower short-term returns. The corpus of investment should be tax deductible and no more than a certain percentage of annual income.

To prevent a misuse of funds, it is important to create qualifying criteria. The pool of investable companies must be limited to Government of India-recognised start ups; startups should have funding or 'acceptance of necessity' granted from the Indian military/Ministry of Defence.

Staying the course

India will remain a net importer of critical technology in the foreseeable future. While the Prime Minister's vision for an Atmanirbhar Bharat has created the right momentum, it will take close to a decade or more to fructify. If correctly aligned with the programmes launched by the Government, CSR funds and the right tax incentives to HNIs can create an almost self-fulfilling prophecy in the nascent Indian Deep Tech ecosystem.

The Prime Minister talks about his ambition for a developed India; an India that is a superpower. Investing in deep, critical technology is the first step for the country to awaken to that ambition.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Split verdict

The split verdict on the hijab issue has raised new hopes in the Supreme Court of India (Page 1, October 14). It is good that at least one of the judges has looked at it as an issue affecting the rights of women to education, which many tend to miss. It is heart-warming to note that Justice Dhulia has read Articles 14, 19 and 25 shorn of all narrow considerations of religion. It has carried forward the highest constitutional principles of equality for women in the matter of education and their emancipation. The more substantial right under the Constitution is education, more particularly the education of women. One hopes that a larger Bench confirms the judgment of Justice Dhulia.

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One needs to understand that wearing the hijab is so ingrained that it has become part of dressing for many Muslim women. Therefore, the debate on whether the hijab is an essential part of religion or not bares no significance. As Justice Dhulia has rightly pointed out, the hijab ban could deprive several Muslim women of the right to education. Conservative families that reluctantly send their girls to school could refrain from doing so.

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With or without the hijab is secondary, but the crux of the issue is a denial of the right to education to a section of girl students. The desirability or otherwise of wearing a head-scarf should be left to the discretion of the practitioners, as women in Iran have demonstrated.

Ayyasseri Raveendranath,
Aranmula, Kerala

The basics

The writer is absolutely spot on ('Opinion' page – Notebook', October 14). The profession of journalism comes with a huge responsibility, where errors or lapses are irreversible. Care, caution and patience and a verification of facts before reporting are of paramount importance. The need for extra care these days, when communication is at its quickest and fastest, makes journalism a truly tough profession. The race to report first and to be ahead of the competition could induce lapses and misinformation. Content and correct reporting should be the bedrock of journalism.

Balasubramaniam Pavani,
Secunderabad

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The house in Elanthoor village where Bhagaval Singh and his wife Laila lived and where, according to the police, two women were murdered as part of a ritualistic human sacrifice. LEJU KAMAL

The macabre murders in Elanthoor village

The horrific killings of two women, purportedly as part of a human sacrifice for financial gains, have sent shock waves through Kerala and led to a cry for a law against sorcery and witchcraft. **Hiran Unnikrishnan**, **M.P. Praveen** and **K.S. Sudhi** report on the case that exposes how irrational beliefs, superstitions, and the occult still hold sway over sections of a State that is known to be progressive

On October 11, the stench of putrid flesh filled the air of a sprawling and somewhat isolated compound at Elanthoor village. The dense foliage surrounding the tile-roofed Kadakampallil House in the compound suddenly looked eerie as the police exhumed mutilated body parts from the backyard of the house. By evening, the property, where Bhagaval Singh, a 68-year-old popular traditional massage therapist (Vaidyar), regularly treated patients, buzzed with macabre tales of ritualistic human sacrifice having taken place on its premises over the last few months.

The news sent shock waves through the village, located some 10 km north of Pathanamthitta town in Kerala. Nobody could have imagined Singh, popularly called Anjilimoottil Vaidyar, and his 59-year-old wife Laila murdering two women, allegedly driven by the superstitious belief that it would make them richer, for they were known to be mild-mannered and progressive.

The police have identified the victims as Rosli Varghese, 49, and Padmam, 52, who had gone missing from Kalady near Angamaly town and Elamkulam in Kochi city on June 8 and September 26, respectively. A post-mortem on October 13 confirmed that the remains were of two women, but their identities can only be confirmed through a DNA analysis for which samples have been collected. The victims are suspected to have been 'sacrificed' on the nights they went missing.

While the remand report filed by the police at the Judicial First Class Magistrate Court in Ernakulam gives a chilling account of how the murders were planned and committed, even seasoned policemen are averse to talking about it.

'A progressive, helpful couple'

The villagers are trying to reconcile with the postulation that it was an obsession with superstition and sorcery that landed the couple in the company of a history-sheeter, Mohammed Shafi a.k.a. Rasheed, whom they met on Facebook as 'Sreedevi', and who masterminded the act.

The villagers say the couple had Left-leaning political and social positions. "Bhagaval Singh was the son of the celebrated massage therapist Vasu Vaidyan. He was a public figure in every sense. The couple had been of great help to people and were politically active," says Mercy Mathew, president of the Elanthoor panchayat.

Singh followed in his father's footsteps after his attempts to migrate to West Asia failed. A few years ago, he moved the therapy clinic to a building close to his residential compound. The clinic was located near a garden of medicinal plants. Singh was active on social media where he frequently posted haiku poems. In February, he led an online session on Malayalam haiku poetry.

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> **SASIKUMARI**
> Resident of Elanthoor

Laila, who married Singh 26 years ago following his separation from his first wife, was also active in the local women's collectives. The couple has a son, who is employed in Dubai. The older daughter of Singh, from his first marriage, also lives in West Asia with her family. By all accounts, the family led a peaceful life with a sound financial base of landed property and regular income.

A few in the village, however, had doubts about the couple, especially Laila, performing some rituals. The sight of unfamiliar cars going into the property during late hours fuelled their suspicions, but no one noticed anything sinister. "We were not so sure of anything, as we had no access to the property. Given the family's reputation, we never suspected witchcraft anyway," says Sasikumari, 69, from the neighbourhood.

Shafi, a habitual criminal

When her sister Padmam went incommunicado on September 26 evening, Palani Amma, living just a few kilometres away in Kaloor in the heart of Kochi city, instantaneously became anxious. So did Padmam's family in Dharmapuri in Tamil Nadu, for this was unlike her. Padmam, a lottery vendor, would unfailingly contact her family and close relatives every day. Palani Amma filed a 'missing person' complaint with the Kadavanthra police the next day. Padmam's son Selvaraj rushed to Kochi in search of his mother.

S. Sasidharan, Deputy Commissioner (Law and Order), Kochi City, too had a hunch that this was not a routine missing case. His instinct proved critical in unravelling the case. Sasidharan put together a team drawn from several police stations and launched a round-the-clock check across police station limits. "Sifting through CCTV footage along the stretch (of nearly 100 km) between Kadavanthra in Ernakulam and Aranmula in Pathanamthitta district where Padmam's cellphone was last located was a laborious task," he says.

But the effort was worth taking, as a blurred image showed Padmam getting into an SUV registered in the name of Shafi. But Shafi, a habitual criminal with eight cases against him, including cases of rape and attempt to murder over the last 15 years, proved a hard nut to crack.

The accused — Mohammed Shafi, Bhagaval Singh and Laila — at a court in Ernakulam. THULASI KAKKAT

The police needed more evidence to confront him. They traced him to the house of the co-accused, Singh and Laila. More significantly, they exposed his fake social media profile, Sreedevi, using which he had established a rapport with Singh. But the police were in for a shock when they realised that there was another victim.

"The intelligent guess that a man who can commit such a gruesome murder is perfectly capable of doing it more than once, along with an interrogation, led to the revelation of Rosli's murder," says C. H. Nagaraju, District Police Chief (Kochi City).

The picture of Shafi that has emerged since then is that of a sexual pervert and a psychopath who derived sadistic pleasure from torturing his victims. The police say the injuries he had inflicted in the private parts of the two victims were similar to what he had done to a 75-year-old woman he was accused of raping in 2020.

A Class VI dropout, Shafi had left home in his teens and had since been doing odd jobs while looking for people to prey on, in the local community. He lured Padmam and Rosli with the promise of money, the police say. They are looking into reports of Shafi having approached several women with such offers.

Posing as Sreedevi, Shafi touched base with Singh on Facebook in 2019 and assured him that he would bail him out of his presumed financial distress. 'Sreedevi' waxed eloquent about the powers of a traditional healer, 'Rasheed', whose number 'she' shared with Singh. Until the police told him, Singh apparently never suspected that 'Sreedevi' and 'Rasheed' were the same person, i.e., Shafi. 'Rasheed' had Singh and Laila under his spell to the point where they agreed to his idea of human sacrifice. Singh had reportedly paid 'Rasheed' an initial sum of ₹3 lakh, though the police are still verifying their transactions.

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> **A.P. MURALIDHARAN**
> Kerala Sasthra Sahithya Parishad

While the Kochi City police are being praised for their efforts, the Ernakulam Rural police are receiving brickbats for not having efficiently probed Rosli's disappearance, which many believe would have spared Padmam's life months later. Though Rosli went missing from June 8, her live-in partner failed to report it. Eventually, Rosli's daughter Manju, who works in U.P., filed a complaint with the Kalady police on August 17 after failing repeatedly to contact her mother.

The investigators, meanwhile, have not ruled out the possibility that the accused may have committed similar crimes. They have revived investigations into other cases of women going missing across Kerala. There are three such cases in Aranmula police station alone. Elanthoor village lies within the Aranmula police station limits.

The veneer of Kerala's progressive visage

The murders have sparked off a debate about how irrational beliefs, superstitions, and the occult still hold sway over sections of Kerala society, which prides itself on high literacy rates, progressive stances, and the legacy of renaissance. Police records show reports of such incidents, mostly from the countryside. There have been many incidents of abuse and assault involving occultists and sorcerers. Idukki district, which has some of the most remote villages in Kerala, alone has reported at least four such cases.

Behind the veneer of Kerala's progressive visage is the hard crust of superstitions, says K. Padmamkumar, Additional Director General of Police. He feels there is a dire need to sensitise the public against the lure of easy money.

Some are also pointing fingers at the State's 'flawed education system' that discourages critical thinking. "If a school student were to ask about the human sacrifice incident in a classroom, he or she would likely be ticked off and asked to focus on lessons instead of being given a rational explanation. Besides, the obsession of our middle class with wealth makes them easy victims of cheating. Ponzi investment schemes, for instance, still thrive here," says A.P. Muralidharan of Kerala Sasthra Sahithya Parishad (KSSP), a popular people's science movement.

He also says the political class has compromised on principles and ideals in matters of religion and faith. "Superstition is nothing but an assertion of faith in rituals shaped over time despite the progress we have achieved through science and technology. There has been a blurring of the line dividing belief and superstition. That's why a crocodile is celebrated for being 'vegan' without anyone asking if it's logically possible," he says, referring to the recent news about the death of a crocodile in a temple pond in Kasaragod.

Social activist Sunny M. Kapikkad, too, refuses to see the Elanthoor incident in isolation. "It's a reflection of the rot in Kerala society," he says. "The ritualistic Hindu burial accorded to the temple crocodile and the massive rebellion of upper caste women against the Supreme Court verdict allowing women of all age groups to Sabarimala temple are all pointers to the decay [in society]."

While human sacrifice remains a crime, the performance of Sathru Samhara Pooja (a temple offering made to destroy one's enemy) and installing a Dhanakarshana Yanthra (a piece of metal with some inscriptions on it aimed to attract wealth and prosperity) in homes and offices has become a normal and acceptable practice. There is not much distance between the Sathru Samhara Pooja and human sacrifice, Kapikkad argues.

He contends that superstitions are mostly endorsed by the upper castes, with the marginalised sections bearing the brunt. "Kerala failed to take forward the anti-caste movement after the 1940s. While the Left claims to be the torch-bearer of the movement, it has remained busy reaping political gains rather than taking the movement further. Meanwhile, some Hindutva groups went to the extent of saying that the anti-caste movement would destabilise social harmony. The vacuum created by the absence of such movements is occupied by socially regressive institutions that promote and protect social evils," Kapikkad says.

Kerala tried framing an anti-superstition law in 2014, 2015, and some two years ago. Reports of back-to-back killings of three persons in different parts of the State some eight years ago prompted A. Hemachandran, the then Director General of Police (Intelligence), to take the initiative to draft the Kerala Exploitation by Superstition (Prevention) Bill, 2014. All acts "purported to be undertaken invoking supernatural or magical powers, with the intention of obtaining wrongful gratification" will be made accountable as "exploitation by superstition," the Bill said. Traditional ceremonies, rituals, and practices which are either associated with places of worship or with different faiths of communities were exempted from the ambit of the Bill.

The KSSP also drafted an anti-superstition Bill and presented it to the government when Oommen Chandy was Chief Minister. But it has remained in cold storage ever since.

The Elanthoor human sacrifice has forced the State government to revive the draft Kerala Prevention of Eradication of Inhuman Evil Practices, Sorcery and Black Magic Bill, 2019, which was drawn up by the Kerala Law Reforms Commission headed by former Supreme Court judge K. T. Thomas. The Bill lists 10 acts as prohibited or inviting the attention of the Act.

The investigation into the Elanthoor case is in the preliminary stages, but there is already a fervent cry for a law against sorcery and witchcraft on the lines of the ones in Maharashtra and Karnataka, to prevent another such incident.

Team Shashi Tharoor finds major discrepancies in party's voter list

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Congress presidential hopeful Shashi Tharoor and his team found major discrepancies with the list of delegates handed over to them by the party's Central Election Committee.

Addressing a press conference at Delhi Pradesh Congress Committee office on Thursday, Mr. Tharoor pointed out the problems with the list. "There were incomplete contact details in the list of delegates that we received. Some lists had names but no contact numbers, some had names but no proper address. Hence, it was difficult to reach out to them," he said. Insisting that this was not a complaint against anyone, he said that it is only obvious that there are flaws in the party's system as no such election has been held in 22 years.

Hurdles aplenty: These discrepancies with the list is one of the many setbacks that Tharoor has had this campaign. A.M.FARUQUI

On September 30, when Mr. Tharoor filed his nomination paper, he was handed over a list of delegates who would be voting for the election. Finding that there was no address or phone number listed against many of these delegates, his team asked the CEC for help. On October 5, they were handed over a second list. Interestingly, this one did not have at least 500 names that had appeared on the earlier list but had a different set of 600 new names.

These discrepancies with the list is one of the many setbacks that Mr. Tharoor and his team have had this campaign. With the Congress presidential elections nearly coming to a close, the contrast between campaigns of the two candidates – Mallikarjun Kharge and Shashi Tharoor – could not be starker.

In the past week, while Mr. Kharge has already met 25 Congress State units, resource-strapped Mr. Tharoor has managed only seven.

The former has lined up endorsement messages from the senior leadership of the party, while the latter is banking on the "*aam* Congress worker" to deliver the surprise.

Meanwhile, Mr. Tharoor on Friday lauded the Madhya Pradesh Congress Unit for its neutrality. Having complained of an uneven playing field in these elections, he tweeted: "Thanks @OfficeOfKNath for the warm welcome to @INCMadhyaPrades by several senior office-bearers &Opposition Leader GobindSingh. This was a first in the seven states I have visited so far! Thanks to you personally for maintaining @incIndia's strict neutrality btwn the candidates."

Mallikarjun Kharge is a safe pair of hands for Congress: Manish Tewari

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Congress needs a "safe pair of hands" and Mallikarjun Kharge is the right person to steer the party, Lok Sabha member Manish Tewari said on Friday while endorsing Mr. Kharge as his choice for the Congress president's post.

Mr. Tewari, along with his Lok Sabha colleague Shashi Tharoor, was a signatory to the August 2020 letter that the ginger group, G-23, had written to party chief Sonia Gandhi to press for internal reforms.

However, in the presidential contest between Mr. Tharoor and Mr. Kharge, the Lok Sabha member from Punjab has thrown his weight behind the latter.

"My endorsement of Sh @kharge's candidature as he has come up from grassroots. I do hope he would understand & live up to the aspirations of millions of young @nsui @IYC & @INCIndia workers who try & make a place for themselves de-horse godfather's, entitlement or even pedigree," Mr. Tewari tweeted.

Grassroots advantage: Manish Tewari suggests that Kharge's experience through the party ranks will aid his work. A.M. FARUQUI

Through the ranks

The Lok Sabha member also shared a video of his interview to the news agency, ANI, in which he said Mr. Kharge has risen from the ranks and has worked at various levels of the party, including the students' wing.

"If you place all the facts and analyse objectively, then Kharge *ji* has spent 50 years serving the Congress party. At this juncture, the Congress needs a safe pair of hands and a stable personality and it will have in form of Mallikarjun Kharge *ji*. In my opinion, those who have worked in NSUI, Youth Congress, Block Committees or in the districts will have a better grasp of the organisational challenges," Mr Tewari said.

The Lok Sabha MP's view reflects an opinion among a section of the Congress party that has reservations about Mr. Tharoor being the right person for the party's top job as he has not worked in organisational wings like the students' union or the Youth Congress or come up from Block Level or District Congress Committees.

The Tharoor camp, however, does not agree. "This is a non-argument as most second generation Congress leaders from political families have become MPs and ministers because of their surnames and not because they worked in Block Committees," said a supporter of Mr. Tharoor.

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Himachal election on Nov. 12, Gujarat's on hold

"Also, if you see against the 2012 election announcement, when it was combined, there is a reduction of 81 days to 57 days. We do not want that the entire election exercise continues for a very long period and that it does not disturb anybody," Mr. Kumar said.

The nomination process for the 68-seat Himachal Pradesh Assembly election would begin with the gazette notification on October 17 and the last date for nominations would be October 25, as per the Election Commission schedule. A total of 55.07 lakh electors, including as many as 1.86 lakh first-time voters and 1.22 lakh electors over the age of 80, would be eligible to cast their votes.

Mr. Kumar said the EC had ordered teams to be set up at the district magistrate-level to keep an eye on rumours and fake news spread on social media and take action against the same. The EC also issued revised COVID-19 guidelines for States, stating that political parties and candidates must adhere to the rules prescribed by the competent authority.

Saibaba acquitted eight years after arrest

Those who were acquitted are Mahesh Tirki, Pandu Pora Narote, Hem Keshwdatta Mishra, Prashant Rahi and Vijay Nan Tirki. Pandu Narote died on August 26 due to swine flu.

The judgment held the sessions court order of conviction null and void and set it aside in the absence of valid sanction under the UAPA. "Empirical evidence suggests that departure from the due process of law fosters an ecosystem in which terrorism burgeons and provides fodder to vested interests whose singular agenda is to propagate false narrative," the judgment said.

At the time of his arrest, Mr. Saibaba was working as an assistant professor in the Department of English, Ram Lal Anand College, affiliated to Delhi University and was terminated from service in 2021.

On March 7, 2017, the sessions court at Gadchiroli sentenced Mr. Saibaba to life imprisonment for alleged Maoist links with the banned CPI (Maoist) under the UAPA. His appeal against the judgment was pending before the High Court for the last five years. The National Investigation Agency immediately moved the Supreme Court seeking a stay on the acquittal; however, it was declined. The top court has however allowed the Central agency to move an application before the registry requesting for urgent listing.

Will bonds reveal fund source, SC asks govt

"They have been issuing electoral bonds before every State elections," advocate Prashant Bhushan, also for the petitioners' side, interjected.

Mr. Sibal said the court should consider the cardinal issue of the impact of electoral bonds on Article 324. "Free and fair elections are central to a democracy. It is the basic structure... Now an opaque way of funding political parties where you do not even know who is funding whom destroys the very concept of Article 324. This is a matter for a larger Bench," he argued.

Justice Gavai indicated that the court should first hear on whether the case should be referred to a larger Bench. He said it was the prerogative of the CJI to form a larger Bench, if required. The court scheduled the hearing on December 6.

SC to hear State's appeal against Saibaba acquittal

Justices M.R. Shah and Bela Trivedi to hear on Saturday the Maharashtra government's urgent plea that was placed before the Supreme Court hours after the Bombay HC acquitted Saibaba

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court scheduled a special sitting of a Bench of Justices M.R. Shah and Bela Trivedi on Saturday (October 15) to hear an urgent plea by the State of Maharashtra to stay the acquittal of former Professor G.N. Saibaba and others in a case under the draconian Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act.

The State had accused the 90% physically disabled and wheelchair-bound man of having links to Maoist organisations involved in violent activities. He was sentenced to life imprisonment by a trial court in 2017. The High Court's acquittal came after a five-year wait.

However, the Maharashtra government rushed to the Supreme Court within hours of the Bombay High Court's decision on Friday to acquit Mr. Saibaba, ostensibly in order to prevent his actual release from Nagpur Central Jail.

Big claims: The State had accused the 90% physically disabled and wheelchair-bound man of having links to Maoist organisations. PTI

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta made an oral mentioning before a Bench led by Justice D.Y. Chandrachud just moments before the judges were to rise for the day a little after 4 p.m. Oral mentionings to list a case urgently are made before the Chief Justice of India. CJI U.U. Lalit had by then already risen for the day.

Mr. Mehta said Mr. Saibaba was accused of a "very, very serious offence against the nation". He said the acquittal was on a technical ground of lack of proper sanction under the UAPA. The case was still strong on merits.

However, Justice Chandrachud refused to stay the acquittal, suggesting the appeal could be taken up on Monday (October 17). Mr. Mehta argued that there was "nothing exceptional" in staying an acquittal, courts do that. Finally, Justice Chandrachud recorded Mr. Mehta's apprehension that "in all likelihood the respondents [Saibaba and others acquitted in the case] may be released from the jail".

The order noted a statement by Mr. Mehta that he would move the Supreme Court Registry to obtain administrative directions from the CJI to list the appeal on Saturday itself.

In its judgment on Friday, the Bombay High Cout said though "terrorism poses an ominous threat to national security... a civil democratic society can ill-afford sacrificing the procedural safeguards legislatively provided and which is an integral facet of the due process of law at the altar of perceived peril to national security".

Jolt to Uddhav camp as former MLA from Raigad joins BJP

Shoumojit Banerjee
PUNE

Tatkare says he was motivated to join the party upon seeing the leadership of Modi and Fadnavis

In another jolt to the Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena faction, former Sena MLA Avdhoot Tatkare joined the BJP on Friday.

Mr. Tatkare, the nephew of senior Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) leader and Raigad MP Sunil Tatkare, joined the saffron party in the presence of BJP State president Chandrashekhar Bawankule in Mumbai.

"The decision to join the BJP was solely motivated by the strong leadership shown by PM Narendra Modi at the Centre and [Deputy Chief Minister] Devendra Fadnavis in the State. I will be working to increase the BJP's presence in Raigad district," said Mr. Tatkare, remarking there had been no pressure on anyone to join the BJP.

Primarily associated with the NCP, Mr. Avdhoot had been the legislator of the Shrivardhan Assembly segment in Raigad between 2014 and 2019. However, he had quit the Sharad Pawar-led party to join the Shiv Sena in Uddhav Thackeray's presence ahead of the 2019 Maharashtra Assembly election, following differences with his uncle Sunil Tatkare.

Prior to the election, differences between Sunil Tatkare and his brother Anil and his sons – Avdhoot and Sandeep – were pronounced with both siblings joining the Sena, which at the time was allied with the BJP.

The defection of Mr. Avdhoot prior to the 2019 election was part of a larger exodus of leaders within the NCP whose political fortunes had appeared to be at its lowest ebb. However, Mr. Avdhoot was to be disappointed after he was denied a ticket from the Sena. It did not get any better for him when Mr. Thackeray severed ties with BJP.

Acquittal proves 'urban Naxal' tag was bogus: Cong.

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Congress and the Left parties on Friday welcomed the acquittal of former Delhi University Professor G.N. Saibaba by the Bombay High Court. The Left parties called for the repeal of the "draconian" Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA).

Congress general secretary (Communications) Jairam Ramesh said the acquittal proved that the "urban Naxal" tag was completely bogus.

CPI(M) Polit Bureau member Brinda Karat said the judgment highlighted the "utterly arbitrary, politically motivated and illegal methods used to book persons under the UAPA".

CPI general secretary D. Raja tweeted, " ... Truth has finally triumphed. Struggle for human rights, repeal of draconian laws & release of political prisoners will continue!"

First thing will be to admit him to hospital: Saibaba's wife

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

"The first thing we will do is to admit him in a proper hospital as his health has deteriorated in prison," said former Delhi University Professor G.N. Saibaba's wife A.S. Vasantha Kumari after the Nagpur Bench of the Bombay High Court on Friday ordered his immediate release from jail.

"Before going to prison, he had strength in both hands but now, he cannot use his left arm and his right arm is partially paralysed as he did not get proper medical care while incarcerated. He needs medical attention to save his life and this verdict was important as it was a life or death situation for him," Ms. Kumari said.

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> **A.S. VASANTHA KUMARI**
> Wife of G.N. Saibaba

No crime, no evidence

She thanked the judiciary and all those who supported her over the past eight years and said, "We had faith that he would be acquitted because he did not do anything wrong. There was no crime and no evidence."

Mr. Saibaba, who is wheelchair-bound due to 90% physical disability, was serving as an assistant professor at Ram Lal Anand College, Delhi University and was terminated from service by the college in March 2021.

He was suspended by the college after his arrest in 2014. In March 2017, a sessions court in Maharashtra convicted him under the stringent Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) and the Indian Penal Code (IPC).

Reacting to the verdict, Jenny Rowena, Professor at Miranda House and wife of Hanny Babu, a DU Professor who was arrested in the Elgar Parishad case, said, "Now that he is acquitted means he was kept in prison for the wrong reasons. He spent over five years of his life in jail and even lost his job. Who will be punished for doing this to a Professor," she said.

Issuing a statement welcoming the order, the National Platform for the Rights of the Disabled (NPRD) said that in spite of repeated appeals by human rights organisations, democratic-minded people and disability rights organisations, Mr. Saibaba was denied bail even on medical grounds.

He sings of love
Read Serish Nanisetti's review of Saibaba's book
bit.ly/3MyXBsR

INBRIEF

Chargesheet filed against two in 'narrative terrorism' case

Describing journalist and editor Fahad Shah and scholar Aala Fazili as "contaminated and compromised mediapersons", the J&K State Investigation Agency (SIA) on Thursday filed a chargesheet against the duo in a "narrative terrorism" case. The SIA claimed that the accused intended to create unrest through a seditious and provacative write-up. They have been booked under IPC and UAPA.

Yechury demands withdrawal of amendment to MCC

CPI(M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury in a letter to the Chief Election Commissioner demanded the withdrawal of the proposed amendment to the Model Code of Conduct on promises made in election manifestos, asserting that such a change was outside the panel's ambit and infringes on rights of parties to address people's concerns and offer welfare measures.

Sriram Srinivasan appointed Group Digital Editor of The Hindu Group Publishing Private Limited

The Hindu Group Publishing Pvt. Ltd. (THGPPL), publisher of *The Hindu*, *The Hindu businessline*, *Frontline* and *Sportstar*, has appointed Sriram Srinivasan as Group Digital Editor effective October 17, 2022.

Mr. Srinivasan has been *The Hindu*'s Strategy & Digital Editor since January 2016. As the digital editor, he has been involved in implementing a digital-first approach as also in helping journalists pursue new ways of telling their stories.

In a 21-year career, he has worked with India's top publications. He holds a postgraduate degree in economics and a PG diploma in journalism from the Asian College of Journalism. In 2013, as a Tow-Knight Fellow at the City University of New York's Graduate School of Journalism, he spent a semester honing a business idea that brought together content and games. He subsequently pursued entrepreneurship, briefly.

Welcoming Mr. Srinivasan on behalf of the Board of Directors of THGPPL, Malini Parthasarathy, Chairperson, THGPPL, said, "As is already known, The Hindu Group has embarked on a serious journey of digital transformation. Our intent is to upgrade and enrich our news offerings, ensuring an enjoyable and informative experience for our users. We are confident that as Group Digital Editor, Sriram Srinivasan, who is eminently qualified in this regard, will carry forward our vision and take our journey to new heights."

Talking about his new role, Mr. Srinivasan said: "I see this as an opportunity to help build structure, skill, and capacity so that the group can continue in its digital transformation journey with strength and confidence."

Plea to study 'shivling' rejected

Varanasi district court turns down petition filed by some Hindu plaintiffs seeking carbon dating and scientific investigation of a disputed structure as the Supreme Court order had said that part of the Gyanvapi site should remain sealed

The Hindu Bureau
VARANASI

The Varanasi district court on Friday dismissed an application filed by some of the Hindu plaintiffs seeking a scientific investigation of the disputed structure found inside the Gyanvapi mosque.

District judge A.K. Vishvesha concluded that as per the Supreme Court's May order, the area around the structure was to remain sealed, which was one of the arguments the Masjid Committee had made before the court. The Hindu side has claimed that the disputed structure was a *shivling*, while the Anjuman Intezamia Masjid Committee has insisted that it is part of the wuzu khana's fountain.

Ongoing dispute: The Anjuman Intezamia Masjid Committee said the disputed structure is part of the wuzu khana's fountain. PTI

The Masjid panel has challenged in the Supreme Court the order by which the video survey was conducted and the disputed structure found.

Speaking to *ANI*, Vishnu Jain, representing the Hindu side, said, "The Muslim side said that *shivling* is not a part of the suit property and its carbon dating cannot be done. We have given our clarification on both of these points."

On September 29, the Hindu side demanded a scientific investigation of the *shivling* by the Archaeological Survey of India and the carbon dating of *argha*. The court reserved the order in the Gyanvapi Mosque-Shringar Gauri case after hearing the arguments of both sides.

Akhlaq Ahmed, representing the Muslim side, had said that the plea by the Hindu side was not maintainable as it was against the order of the Supreme Court that stated protecting the structure.

"We responded to the application on carbon dating. Stone does not have the capacity to absorb carbon. The Supreme Court in its May 17 order, according to which, the object that was found by the commission, had to be protected. The order of the SC will prevail, so the object cannot be opened," Mr. Ahmed said.

(With inputs from ANI)

Youth found dead near Bangladesh border

The Hindu Bureau
KOLKATA

An unidentified youth was found dead on Friday near the Indo-Bangladesh border at Phansidewa block under Siliguri sub-division of West Bengal's Darjeeling district.

The body had bullet injuries and according to the local administration, the Border Security Force (BSF) fired upon the youth on suspicion of cattle smuggling.

On October 8, a youth was shot dead by the BSF in the area under the jurisdiction of 54 Battalion of the BSF in West Bengal's Nadia district.

Why is inflation at a 35-year high, asks Rahul

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Former Congress president Rahul Gandhi on Friday asked Prime Minister Narendra Modi why inflation and unemployment had reached such a high in the past three to four decades.

"Why is inflation at a 35-year HIGH? Why is unemployment at a 45-year HIGH? Why are 'parathas' being taxed at 18% GST? Why are farm tractors being taxed at 12% GST? Bharat Jodo Yatra will keep asking you these questions and more, Prime Minister. You will have to answer," tweeted Mr. Gandhi.

BJP unhappy over MP Parvesh Verma's 'boycott' remarks

Nistula Hebbar
Jatin Anand
NEW DELHI

Ahead of BJP national president J.P. Nadda's organisational meeting with the Delhi unit of the party on October 16, there has been a certain unhappiness expressed over Delhi MP Parvesh Sahib Singh Verma's controversial remarks calling for the economic boycott of a particular community during a public meeting.

Mr. Nadda has reportedly asked for the unedited footage of Mr. Verma's speech which he had made while addressing a meeting organised by the Vishwa Hindu Parishad's local unit along with other organisations in East Delhi on October 9.

While there has been no talk yet on any action being taken on Mr. Verma by the party high command, it is clear that the BJP and the RSS, which has been talking of engaging the Muslim community and the backward among the Muslim community in particular, finds the remarks jarring to these efforts.

The BJP had also spoken of "*sneh yatras*" being undertaken by the party's minority cell to bridge divisions.

ED conducts searches in Delhi Excise Policy case

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate on Friday conducted the fourth round of searches at 25 locations in connection with the Delhi Excise Policy case.

The ED's money laundering probe is based on an FIR registered by the CBI against Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia and 14 others for irregularities in the now-withdrawn Delhi Excise Policy.

INS Arihant carries out key missile test

Dinakar Peri
NEW DELHI

The country's first ballistic missile nuclear submarine *INS Arihant* carried out a successful launch of a Submarine Launched Ballistic Missile (SLBM) on Friday, validating India's second strike nuclear capability.

"The successful user training launch of the SLBM by *INS Arihant* is significant to prove crew competency and validate the SSBN programme, a key element of India's nuclear deterrence capability," the Ministry said. Without confirming the particular missile, a defence source said it was not the longer K-4 SLBM but the older SLBM in use. *INS Arihant* is armed with K-15 SLBM with a range of 750 km.

The missile was tested to a predetermined range and impacted the target area in the Bay of Bengal with high accuracy, the Ministry said in a statement. "All operational and technological parameters of the weapon system have been validated," the statement added.

Plea on firecrackers: SC declines urgent hearing

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday refused to accord urgent hearing on a plea relating to ban on firecrackers, saying Deepavali is round the corner and people must have invested money in the firecracker business.

Armed forces welfare fund: website set up for donations

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh launched the '*Maa Bharati Ke Sapoot*' website for the Armed Forces Battle Casualties Welfare Fund (AFBCWF) at an event at the National War Memorial Complex on Friday evening. AFBCWF is a triservice fund which is utilised for grant of immediate financial assistance of ex-gratia, to the next of kin and dependents of battle casualties.

"The armed forces always protect the sovereignty, unity and integrity of the country by responding to threats such as wars and cross-border terror activities with courage and promptness. It is the moral responsibility of the citizens to support the soldiers and their families in the same way they fulfil their duties of protecting the nation," Mr. Singh said.

Manipur links family size to benefits

The Hindu Bureau
GUWAHATI/IMPHAL

Manipur has followed Assam in restricting the number of children for a family to be eligible for government jobs or beneficiary schemes. The Cabinet decided to exclude any person with more than four children from government schemes.

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Last date and time of submission of bid: 27.10.2022 upto 11.00 hrs. The bid forms and other details can be obtained from the website https://dopcivil.euniwizarde.com.

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for the Period from November 2022 to October 2023

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Sl. No	Variety	Approximate Mts and value of Purchase with variation (+ /- 25%)			
		TANFED	TCMF	NCMS	TOTAL
1	Bio-Stimulant	1650 Lakhs	-	3 lakhs	1653 lakhs

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Chennai-18,
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INBRIEF

Priyanka launches Congress campaign in Himachal

Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Friday sounded the poll bugle for the Novemebr 12 Assembly election in Himachal Pradesh, by addressing a rally in Solan. Addressing the Parivartan Pratigya rally, Ms. Vadra hit out at the ruling BJP government in the hill State and alleged that the BJP was only concerned about "big industrialists" and not bothered about the common people. She promised that if the Congress party forms the next government in the State, giving jobs to youth and implementing the old pension scheme would be on its priority list. She also said the party would give ₹1,500 per month to women in a bid to help raise their standard of living.

Bomb scare: flight makes emergency landing in Delhi

A flight from Moscow carrying around 400 people made an emergency landing at the Indira Gandhi International Airport in Delhi on Friday following a bomb threat. After the passengers and crew were evacuated, the flight was checked but nothing suspicious was found, said DCP (IGI) Tanu Sharma. According to the police, the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) had received an e-mail warning of bombs on the Aeroflot aircraft operating flight SU 232 on Thursday night and the flight made the emergency landing at 3 a.m. A total of 386 passengers and 14 crew members were aboard the flight, the police said.

40-day parole for Dera chief Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh

Dera Sacha Sauda chief Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh, who is serving a 20-year prison sentence in Haryana's Sunaria jail, has been granted parole for 40 days, the police said on Friday. Rohtak Superintendent of Police Udai Singh Meena said though parole has been granted, Singh is yet to be released from jail. Dera spokesperson Jitender Khurana, however, said the sect has not received any information on the release of "*guruji*". Singh's release comes ahead of the Adampur Assembly bypoll on November 3. The Dera chief was earlier granted furlough for 21 days to meet his family in Gurugram in February.

Money laundering case: IAS officer, 2 others in ED custody

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has taken three persons, included an IAS officer, into custody for eight days for their alleged role in an extortion racket that targeted coal buyers and transporters in Chhattisgarh. The arrested accused are IAS official Sameer Vishnoi, Laxmikant Tiwari and Sunil Kumar Agrawal of Indramani Group. The agency alleged that the racket, ran by "Kingpin" Suryakant Tiwari and his associates, involved senior bureaucrats, businessmen, politicians and middlemen. The ED probe was based on an Income-Tax Department case. On October 11, the agency had carried out searches across the State.

Global Hunger Index is out, India in 'serious' category at rank 107

The country ranks below Sri Lanka (64), Nepal (81), Bangladesh (84) and Pakistan (99); Afghanistan is the only South Asian country that lags behind India in the listing

Jagriti Chandra
NEW DELHI

India ranks 107 out of 121 countries on the Global Hunger Index in which it fares worse than all countries in South Asia barring war-torn Afghanistan.

The Global Hunger Index (GHI) is a tool for comprehensively measuring and tracking hunger at global, regional, and national levels. GHI scores are based on the values of four component indicators - undernourishment, child stunting, child wasting and child mortality. Countries are divided into five categories of hunger on the basis of their score, which are 'low', 'moderate', 'serious', 'alarming' and 'extremely alarming'.

Based on the values of the four indicators, a GHI score is calculated on a 100-point scale reflecting the severity of hunger, where zero is the best score (no hunger) and 100 is the worst. India's score of 29.1 places it in the 'serious' category. India also ranks below Sri Lanka (64), Nepal (81), Bangladesh (84), and Pakistan (99). Afghanistan (109) is the only country in South Asia that performs worse than India on the index. China is among the countries collectively ranked between 1 and 17 having a score of less than five.

India's child wasting rate (low weight for height), at 19.3%, is worse than the levels recorded in 2014 (15.1%) and even 2000 (17.15), and is the highest for any country in the world and drives up the region's average owing to India's large population.

Prevalence of undernourishment, which is a measure of the proportion of the population facing chronic deficiency of dietary energy intake, has also risen in the country from 14.6% in 2018-2020 to 16.3% in 2019-2021. This translates into 224.3 million people in India considered undernourished.

But India has shown improvement in child stunting, which has declined from 38.7% to 35.5% between 2014 and 2022, as well as child mortality which has also dropped from 4.6% to 3.3% in the same comparative period. On the whole, India has shown a slight worsening with its GHI score increasing from 28.2 in 2014 to 29.1 in 2022. Though the GHI is an annual report, the rankings are not comparable across different years. The GHI score for 2022 can only be compared with scores for 2000, 2007 and 2014.

In Focus podcast | Does the Global Hunger Index ranking reflect India's hunger and nutrition levels?
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Food for thought

India's score of 29.1 in the 2022 Global Hunger Index falls under the "serious" category in the hunger meter. It ranked 107 out of the 121 countries analysed below Rwanda and Ethiopia

Rankings	Country
102	Rwanda
103	Nigeria
104	Ethiopia
105	Republic of Congo
106	Sudan
107	**India**
108	Zambia
109	Afghanistan
110	Timor-Leste

India, China agree for more military talks to resolve LAC issues

Ananth Krishnan
BEIJING

India and China on Friday agreed to hold another round of talks between senior military commanders to take up remaining issues along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) and "create conditions for the restoration of normalcy" in ties.

This followed the 25th meeting of the Working Mechanism for Consultation & Coordination on India-China Border Affairs (WMCC) held virtually by the two sides.

The Indian delegation was led by Shilpak Ambule, Joint Secretary (East Asia) from the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), while the Chinese side was led by Hong Liang, Director-General of the Boundary & Oceanic Department of the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

'At an early date'

Both sides reviewed the LAC situation and welcomed the latest disengagement at Patrolling Point 15 in the Gogra-Hot Springs area, the MEA said. Following the fifth disengagement, differences remain in two areas, Demchok and Depsang.

The MEA said both sides "agreed to continue discussions through diplomatic and military channels to resolve the remaining issues along the LAC at the earliest so as to create conditions for restoration of normalcy in bilateral relations." To that end, they agreed to hold the 17th round of talks between senior military commanders "at an early date".

China welcomes move

A statement from China's Foreign Ministry similarly welcomed the recent disengagement, and said both sides were "willing to take measures to further ease the border situation and promote the border situation from emergency response to normalised control."

It added that they agreed to hold the next military talks as soon as possible.

India has maintained that the currently strained ties cannot return fully to normalcy without peace on the boundary. Full disengagement will have to be followed by de-escalation and de-induction of the 1,00,000 troops from both sides still deployed in forward areas.

Rape accused gets bail on condition that he marries the victim

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The lawyer of the accused said the two had eloped to get married as they were in love

A man booked under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act for rape was granted bail by the Allahabad High Court on condition that he will marry the victim and will accept her child (born out of the alleged rape) as daughter.

The man, hailing from Khiri district of Uttar Pradesh, was booked under Sections 363, 366, 376 of the IPC and 3/4 of the POCSO Act. As per the first information report, the girl was enticed by the accused in 2022 when she was 17 years.

In the bail order, the Bench of Justice Dinesh Kumar Singh said the victim and her father had no objection if the accused was enlarged on bail, provided that he married the victim in accordance with Hindu rituals and got the marriage registered.

The lawyer of the accused maintained that his client was ready and willing to marry the girl. He added that the two had eloped to perform the marriage as they were in love. "Considering the fact that the minor victim has already delivered of a child from the accused who has been in jail since April this year and the victim and her father too had not opposed his release, without expressing any opinion on the merit of the case, I find it to be a fit case for granting bail," the judge said.

Attack on Indian in Australia comes at a time when more students seek it as foreign education destination

SPECIAL

Jagriti Chandra
NEW DELHI

A recent stabbing attack on an Indian student in Sydney comes at a time when new student arrivals in Australia are expected to make Indians its largest group of foreign students.

This comes as Australia has witnessed a decline in intake from China, its biggest source of foreign students until recently, due to deteriorating ties between the two countries.

As of July 2022, 96,000 Indian students were studying in Australia forming the second largest group of foreign students.

"But the number of commencing students from India is growing very quickly, and we expect this to be the largest group from anywhere in the world," says Monica Kennedy, Senior Trade and Investment Commissioner, Austrade in an interview to *The Hindu*.

Monica Kennedy, Senior Trade Commissioner, Austrade says the number of students is on the rise. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Though the number of new student arrivals from India between July 2022 and June 2023, the Australian financial year, is marginally less than the 45,000 seen in 2019, their size relative to new arrivals from China has shown a growth.

China is the top source for international students, and Indians the second biggest for key destinations for higher education globally such as the U.S., the U.K. and Australia. But India's share is only half of China or less.

Between January 2021 and December 2021, Australia saw a total intake of 5,70,626 foreign students. Though across nationalities there was a decline in the number of students as compared to 2020 post Covid-19, China contributed 1.70 lakh or 30% of all foreign students in Australia and India contributed 97,000 or 17%, according to data compiled by Australian Government's Department of Education.

In the U.S. too, 3,17,299 Chinese students comprised 34.6% of total foreign students 2020-2021, while Indians were the second largest group at 1.67 lakh or 18.3%, according to the Open Door report.

Chinese students were 32% of the total overseas students in the U.K. at 1,43,820 in 2021. India was the second non-EU country to send the most students at nearly 9.2% of the total foreign students in the U.K., according to the website study in the U.K.

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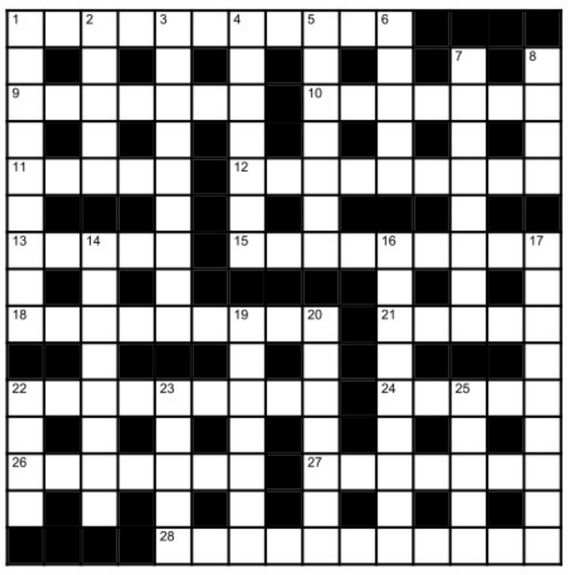

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9 Part of Colombo perhaps has best retreats (7)
10 Petty Officer received bizarre cable on sham drug (7)
11 Powerless people get agitated and run away (5)
12 Had people in Trinidad & Tobago to follow special communication (9)
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26 Los Angeles company importing writing liquid by partnership (7)
27 Was advised 'be like one in hundred' for support (7)
28 Writers get qualified after Sid's backtracking made them unnecessary (11)

Down

1 Demand indeed is down... (9)
2 ...give up fellow, else leave (5)
3 Hurriedly enter English film after it starts, in the middle (9)
4 Game is as American as Tamil somewhat (7)
5 A shop in the borders; stop to get a petroleum byproduct (7)
6 But take time to deflect (5)
7 Condition of people in German (East) territory's primarily the best in retirement (8)
8 Typeface of Arabic seen on book (4)
14 2G coverage for artist? Yes, near lake (inside) to fish (8)
16 Decline to go to films? Have reservations (9)
17 Open a church with permission (9)
19 Heartless trainers collecting atrocious price and muscle (7)
20 Almost contact intelligence bureau regarding faculty... (7)
22 ...keeping students behind college front entrance in jail (4)
23 Minors cycling in grassland (5)
25 Setter's in pound after canine's scramble (5)

SUDOKU

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Solution to previous puzzle

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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8	5	3	4	1	2	9	6	7
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FAITH

Present in the heart

Many are the Siva temples praised by the sixty-three Nayanmars and other Saivite saints. But there is none which is as important to devotees of Lord Siva as the temple in Chidambaram. There are many unique aspects of the Chidambaram temple, which we need to pay attention to, said T. Rajarathinam in a discourse. The temple covers a vast area of several acres. It has five sabhas – Cit sabha, Kanaka sabha, Deva sabha, Raja sabha and Nritta sabha. Each of these is symbolic of a sacred text. Since Lord Nataraja heads all five sabhas, He is called Sabha Nayaka.

Pamban Swamigal wrote a work, Tagaralaya Rahasyam, when he visited the Chidambaram temple. In this work, he explains why Chidambaram is called Tagaralaya. Tagara means something that is very small. Alaya means temple. The Lord resides inside the heart of every human being. He resides in the tiny space, which the human heart affords. The human heart, therefore, is His small temple. He is in the sukshma form inside the human heart. Chidambaram literally means sky of jnana. In this sky of jnana, that is in the Chidambaram temple, Siva is present as the embodiment of jnana. Again His presence here as jnana svarupa is sukshma. This Tagaralaya, namely Chidambaram temple, is one which we can visit and worship. The other Tagaralaya, namely the heart, also houses Him in subtle form. It is a blessing that the One whose Consort is Goddess Sakthi, the Universal Mother, resides in every person. Human beings are alive only because Lord Siva dances inside their hearts. Indicating His presence in our hearts, Pattinathar said he had wasted his time looking for Siva everywhere when He was residing in his heart.

INBRIEF

Warm welcome to Bharat Jodo Yatra in Anantapur

The Bharat Jodo Yatra of the Indian National Congress led by Rahul Gandhi on its 37th day entered Andhra Pradesh at D. Hirehal mandal of Anantapur district to a tumultuous welcome from thousands of party workers and supporters. In addition to the party workers, 600 police personnel drawn from various parts of the district provided a wall-like shield on both sides.

Train mows down 20-year-old elephant near Walayar

An elephant was killed on the railway tracks after being hit by a train at Kottamutti in Palakkad on Friday. The accident occurred at 3.15 a.m. when Kanyakumari-Dibrugarh Vivek Express (15905) was passing through the ghat section along the B-line between Walayar and Kanjikode. Railway officials said the train was within the restricted speed of 45 kmph when the "sudden trespass of an elephant herd" took place. The train hit the 20-year-old elephant and tossed the animal aside, leading to its death.

BJP elevates actor Suresh Gopi to its core committee

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has elevated film star Suresh Gopi, former MP, to the party's core committee. BJP insiders said Mr. Gopi's promotion is a deviation from the established practice. Only former State presidents and general secretaries gain admission to the BJP's highest decision-making body in the State. The break from the norm indicates that the BJP national leadership has noted Mr. Gopi's arguably growing stature among BJP supporters and apolitical voters in Kerala.

Eco-sensitive zone: top court may take up Kerala's review

Supreme Court may also consider Centre's plea seeking clarification on court's judgment to have a one-km eco-sensitive zone ringing protected forests, national parks and wildlife sanctuaries

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday indicated it may consider taking up Kerala's review of the Supreme Court's judgment to have a one-km eco-sensitive zone ringing protected forests, national parks and wildlife sanctuaries across the country along with a plea for clarification sought by the Centre.

A Bench led by Justice B.R. Gavai said the court would wait for the Centre's application to come up for hearing. It was responding to an oral mentioning made by advocate Nishe Rajen Shonker, for Kerala,

Will wait for the Centre's application to come up for hearing, says SC. FILE PHOTO

about the State's review petition.

The Centre has sought a clarification on certain paragraphs in the court's verdict, including the fate of building activities pre-dating the judgment.

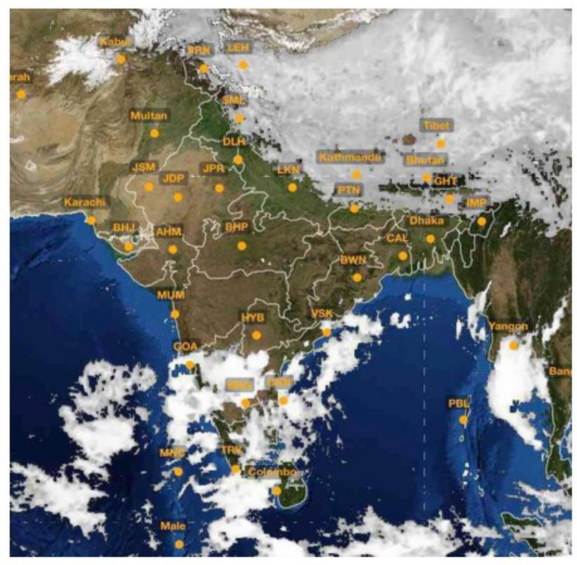
The review by Kerala has argued that the judgment would lead to massive displacement of people living in the vicinity of forest areas. Even worse, the judgment would strip thousands of Scheduled Tribe families and forest dwellers of their vested rights under the law.

The Act recognises the traditional forest dwellers' rights and occupation of forest land since generations. The law also provides for development rights to forest dwellers like schools, anganwadis, fair price shops, drinking water supply, vocational training centres, etc. Kerala noted that its population density was twice that of the entire country as per the 2011 census. "Human habitations are there in the areas coming within one km of the protected areas," the review petition said.

In June, the Supreme Court, in its judgment, referred to Environment Ministry guidelines highlighting that ESZs around national parks, forests and sanctuaries would function as a "shock absorber" for the protected areas. These zones would act as a transition zone from areas of high protection to those involving lesser protection. The court had noted how the national resources were ravaged by mining and other activities.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Saturday: Heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Telangana, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala and Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over Jharkhand, Gangetic West Bengal, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Vidarbha, coastal Andhra Pradesh, Yanam and Mahe

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	33.3	25.0	Kozhikode	1	33.8	24.8
Ahmedabad	—	35.0	21.9	Kurnool	—	32.8	—
Aizawl	—	22.0	19.4	Lucknow	—	32.1	21.7
Allahabad	—	33.3	21.8	Madurai	—	35.8	24.0
Bengaluru	66	26.9	20.1	Mangaluru	5.6	30.5	23.4
Bhopal	—	—	16.8	Mumbai	20	33.4	24.1
Bhubaneswar	26.8	33.1	25.0	Mysuru	32	31.5	20.4
Chandigarh	—	32.6	18.3	New Delhi	—	31.4	19.0
Chennai	0.3	31.0	26.2	Patna	—	32.4	23.2
Coimbatore	1	33.0	22.8	Port Blair	2	30.6	23.8
Dehradun	—	30.8	16.3	Puducherry	15.8	31.1	23.3
Gangtok	—	21.3	13.0	Pune	2.6	31.0	21.9
Goa	0.3	32.0	24.5	Raipur	23	31.8	24.2
Guwahati	2	32.0	22.9	Ranchi	0.4	28.3	22.0
Hubballi	—	27.0	22.0	Shillong	—	22.6	15.1
Hyderabad	—	28.4	21.0	Shimla	—	22.2	12.1
Imphal	—	30.5	18.1	Srinagar	—	24.0	6.4
Jaipur	—	32.2	19.8	Thiruvananthapuram	47	31.8	23.7
Kochi	0.4	29.6	23.8	Tiruchi	26	33.5	24.0
Kohima	1	23.2	15.5	Vijayawada	29	30.4	24.2
Kolkata	17	32.0	25.5	Visakhapatnam	6	31.3	25.2

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	108	113	.26	119	155	
Bengaluru	7	22	.56	102	69	
Chennai	4	32	.97	58	53	
Delhi	.35	97	.30	190	383	
Hyderabad	.11	8	127	94	96	
Kolkata	8	89	.26	36	50	
Lucknow	9	33	.56	107	116	
Mumbai	—	110	.77	64	67	
Pune	—	20	.49	—	—	—
Visakhapatnam	.34	29	.36	31	44	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Katihar, Bihar recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 297 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Maihar, Madhya Pradesh recorded a healthy AQI score of 18

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Kerala Governor seeks details of absentees in Senate meet

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Kerala Governor Arif Mohammed Khan continues to up the ante in the controversy surrounding the selection process for the next Vice-Chancellor of Kerala University by calling for the details of those who skipped the recent Senate meeting.

The move has triggered speculations of possible disciplinary action against those who allegedly scuttled the process of nominating a member to the search-cum-selection committee.

Such tactics appears to have further worsened the Governor's acrimonious relationship with the Left Democratic Front (LDF) government that has reiterated its charge that Mr. Khan aspired to fulfil the agenda of the RSS in the State.

The purported decision of the LDF, which enjoys a dominant majority in the Senate, to direct its members to abstain from the meeting prompted the Chancellor to seek information about the absentees from the Vice-Chancellor on Thursday.

Raj Bhavan is widely expected to remove 11 of the 13 Senate members who had been nominated by the Chancellor on account of their failure to attend the meeting that was called off in the absence of the minimum quorum of 21 members.

Father of stalking victim ends life

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

A second tragedy befell the grieving family of deceased college girl from Chennai M. Sathya, who was pushed by a stalker into the path of a speeding train, when her father, Manickam, unable to bear the loss, ended his life within hours of her death on Thursday. On Friday, the Government Railway Police (GRP) arrested her stalker D. Sathish.

Lok Ayukta notice to Shailaja, eight others

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The Lok Ayukta has issued notices to former Health Minister K. K. Shailaja, former Principal Secretary, Health, Rajan Khobragade and seven other persons, including former General Manager of the Kerala Medical Services Corporation Limited S.R. Dileep, following allegations of corruption in the purchase of personal protective equipment kits during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms. Shailaja, who had won much praise for the manner in which Kerala had handled the pandemic situation, has been asked to appear before the inquiry committee on December 9.

Injured elephant calf in Nagarahole not traceable

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

The elephant calf in Nagarahole that was treated for injuries at the behest of Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, has not be traced since the last five days.

The predicament of the elephant calf had caught the attention of Mr. Gandhi who camped in Nagarahole as there was a break for the Bharat Jodo Yatra in view of Dasara in the first week of October.

Mr .Gandhi wrote to Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai highlighting the injured calf's plight and the latter instructed the Forest department staff to provide all medical assistance necessary to it.

Though a team of veterinarians and Forest Department staff was deployed for the purpose and managed to provide intensive treatment on the night of October 6, it has not been sighted since the last five days.

A file photo of the elephant calf undergoing treatment.

A portion of the elephant calf's trunk had been ripped off by dholes (wild dogs) as also its tail while there were grievous injuries on the abdomen as well.

Maggots had set in and the veterinarians had administered antibiotics and painkillers and the second round of medication was due five days after the first round of treatment.

Sources in the Forest Department said the second round of treatment had got delayed and though the forest guards were combing the area, the calf could not be traced.

It is speculated that in the event the mother has joined other herds without the injured calf, it has to be presumed to be dead.

'T.N. will invest in increasing organ donation'

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Minister for Health and Family Welfare Ma. Subramanian on Friday said the State government will invest further in measures that will help increase the number of organ donations and transplantations in the State.

The Minister was inaugurating a three-day fellowship course on advanced laparoscopic surgeries – FALS Hernia 2022 – organised by the Indian Association of Gastrointestinal Endo Surgeons, in association with MGM Healthcare hospital and Chennai Hernia Society. He said he had received suggestions on procurement of certain equipment to prolong the preservation of harvested organs.

A day after YSRCP and TDP activists clash, uneasy calm prevails in Jagan's home turf

The Hindu Bureau
KADAPA

An uneasy calm prevailed in Proddatur, the home turf of Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, on Friday, a day after a clash between the activists of the YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) and the Telugu Desam Party (TDP).

According to sources, some YSRCP activists allegedly sneaked into a gathering of Self-help Group women and pelted stones at the residence of TDP Proddatur constituency incharge G. Praveen Kumar Reddy.

The SHG women gathered at the residence of Mr. Praveen Kumar Reddy as part of their demonstration against Lakshmi Narayanamma, a DWCRA member who was allegedly involved in misappropriation of funds of ₹40 lakh.

Taking the crowd as a cover, some miscreants pelted stones at the house, triggering tension. A team of police intervened and arrested five activists each of the YSRCP and the TDP.

The police also arrested Mr. Praveen Reddy around midnight and shifted him to the Kadapa Central Prison. The TDP leaders described the arrest as "illegal".

Strong team: TDP leaders arriving for a meeting with the police officials following the arrest of Praveen Kumar Reddy in Kadapa.

KPCC asks 'missing' Congress MLA Eldose to provide explanation before Oct. 20

The Hindu Bureau
KOCHI

The Perumbavoor MLA remains incommunicado since police registered a case against him

The Kerala Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) has asked Congress legislator Eldose P. Kunnappillil to submit an explanation by October 20 about the allegations of abduction and rape levelled against him by a woman or face stringent disciplinary action.

KPCC president K. Sudhakaran has issued a letter to that effect to the legislator, said T.U. Radhakrishnan, KPCC general secretary in charge of organisational affairs, on Friday. "Eldose is facing serious allegations that a public servant should never face. Hence, he should give a honest explanation on the issue within a specific time, failing which stern disciplinary action will be taken," the letter warned.

The legislator remains incommunicado since a police case was registered against him. The Thiruvananthapuram District Court is set to hear his anticipatory bail plea on Saturday.

Rumours about the whereabouts of the Perumbavoor MLA dominated his constituency as the legislator is 'missing' for three days.

The police have indicted the MLA for repeatedly raping a woman on false promise of marriage under Section 376 (2) (n) of the IPC. His personal staff claimed that the legislator had not contacted them in the past three days.

Human sacrifice victim's son seeks T.N. CM's help to bring her body

P. V. Srividya
DHARMAPURI

"Nobody has contacted us yet. We do not even know whom to contact, or what is happening or when we will get our mother's body back," says R. Settu, son of Padma, the Tamil Nadu native who was a victim of a human sacrifice in Ernakulam district in Kerala.

"My mother was murdered on September 26, and we got to know [about it] on October 11, and today is October 14. The body is lying in a mortuary in the Kottayam government hospital, and nobody is telling us when we will get her body. We need to give her a dignified send-off," says Mr. Settu, speaking to *The Hindu* over the phone from Ernakulam.

On October 13, Mr. Settu and his brother had their blood samples drawn for DNA identification.

"They [authorities] said they will have to send it to Thiruvananthapuram because they don't have the lab facility in Ernakulam. We request our Chief Minister to help us get the body back soon," says Mr. Settu, sharing a handwritten appeal to the Chief Minister.

Hijab-wearing women are a part of the nation-building, says Asaduddin Owaisi

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

A day after the Supreme Court delivered a split verdict on the hijab case, Hyderabad parliamentarian Asaduddin Owaisi said that Muslim women wearing hijab have been getting themselves educated and taking part in nation-building.

Mr. Owaisi was speaking at a public meeting on Thursday night where he rejected the notion that hijab is being imposed on Muslim women. He said that Muslim women are wearing hijab because they have been instructed in the *Quran* to do so. "Are the women of the community not becoming doctors, studying MBA, MCA? Are they not strengthening India?" the All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) president asked.

Asaduddin Owaisi

Describing it as his "dream", Mr. Owaisi said that he hoped a Muslim woman who wears a hijab would become the Prime Minister of India in future.

The AIMIM supremo criticised the BJP for singling out Muslim girls in educational institutions and said that forcing them to remove hijab in the classroom is a form of oppression.

Earlier on Thursday, he said that the BJP had created a ruckus over the issue.

MOSCOW

Kremlin orders Crimea bridge to be repaired by July 2023

Russia indicated on Friday that repairs to the Crimea bridge could take months. Russia's cabinet, in a decree signed by Prime Minister Mikhail Mishustin, ordered the company tasked with the "design and restoration of destroyed elements of the Crimean Bridge" to complete the work by July 1, 2023. REUTERS

OUAGADOUGOU

Burkina Faso's coup leader named transition President

Captain Ibrahim Traore, who led the latest coup in Burkina Faso, was on Friday named interim President until elections are held in July 2024, two members of the ruling junta told *AFP*. Some 300 delegates from political parties, security forces, and people had gathered on Friday to discuss the country's future. AP

PHNOM PENH

10 children killed after boat sinks in Cambodia's Mekong river

At least 10 children were killed and one more was missing in Cambodia after a boat that was ferrying them home from an English class sank in the Mekong river, the police said on Friday. The small boat was overloaded and sank about 50 metres from its destination in southeastern Kandal province. AP

LONDON

Actor Robbie Coltrane, Harry Potter's Hagrid, dies at 72

Scottish actor Robbie Coltrane, who played a crime-solving psychologist on TV series *Cracker* and the gentle half-giant Hagrid in the *Harry Potter* movies, has died. He was 72. Mr. Coltrane's agent Belinda Wright said the actor died on Friday at a hospital in Scotland. She did not give a cause. AP

U.K.'s Truss fires Finance Minister in fight to survive

Kwarteng is the country's shortest serving Chancellor since 1970, and his successor will be the fourth Finance Minister in as many months when millions are facing a cost of living crisis

Reuters
LONDON

Under the gun: British PM Liz Truss attends a news conference in London on Friday. REUTERS

British Prime Minister Liz Truss fired her Finance Minister Kwasi Kwarteng on Friday, shortly before she is expected to scrap parts of their economic package in a desperate bid to survive the market and political turmoil gripping the country.

Mr. Kwarteng said he had resigned at Ms. Truss's request after rushing back to London overnight from IMF meetings in Washington. Ms. Truss, in power for only 37 days, will hold a news conference later on Friday, Downing Street confirmed.

"You have asked me to stand aside as your Chancellor. I have accepted," Mr. Kwarteng said in his resignation letter to Ms. Truss, which he published on Twitter.

Ms. Truss said in response: "As a long standing friend and colleague. I am deeply sorry to lose you from the government. We share the same vision."

Jeremy Hunt, a former Foreign and Health Secretary, will replace Mr. Kwarteng.

British government bonds, which have started to recover since her government started looking for ways to balance the books after the plan for unfunded tax cuts crushed the pound and gilts and drew international censure, rallied further.

In jeopardy

Mr. Kwarteng is the country's shortest serving Chancellor since 1970, and his successor will be the fourth Finance Minister in as many months in Britain, where millions are facing a cost of living crisis. The Finance Minister with the shortest tenure died.

Ms. Truss's own position is in jeopardy.

She won the Conservative Party leadership last month by promising vast tax cuts and deregulation to try to shock the economy out of years of stagnant growth, and the fiscal policy Mr. Kwarteng announced on September 23 aimed to deliver that vision.

But the response from markets was so ferocious that the Bank of England had to intervene to prevent pension funds from being caught up in the chaos, as borrowing and mortgage costs surged.

Mounting pressure

The duo had been under mounting pressure to reverse course after polls showed support for the Conservative Party had collapsed, prompting many colleagues to look for ways to force them out of office.

Palestinian doctor killed in Israeli raid

Agence France-Presse
JENIN

Two Palestinians, including a doctor, were killed on Friday in an Israeli raid in the flashpoint city of Jenin in the occupied West Bank, the Palestinian Health Ministry said.

Dr. Abdullah al-Ahmad "succumbed to a bullet wound that pierced his head, fired by the occupation (Israeli) soldiers", the Ministry said in a statement.

A Ministry spokesman said another Palestinian, Mateen Debaya, was also killed in the raid on the city's refugee camp, with five others wounded. Militant group Hamas named Debaya as a "fighter". Dr. Ahmad was shot outside a government hospital, located on the edge of the camp.

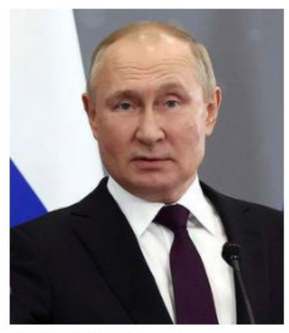
Putin says he 'doesn't see the need' for talks with Biden

Agence France-Presse
ASTANA

Russian President Vladimir Putin said on Friday he saw "no need" for talks with his U.S. counterpart Joe Biden as tensions with Washington soar over a litany of issues including Moscow's invasion of Ukraine.

"We should ask him if he's ready to hold such talks with me or not. I don't see the need, to be honest," Mr. Putin said, asked about a potential meeting with Mr. Biden on the sidelines of a G20 summit in November.

He added that his participation in the summit hosted by Indonesia is not yet decided. "The question of my trip there has not been finalised. Russia will certainly take part. As for the format, we're still thinking about it," Mr. Putin told reporters following a summit in Kazakhstan.



Vladimir Putin

'No intention'

Speaking earlier this week, Mr. Biden said he had "no intention" of meeting with Putin but did not rule out potential talks.

Meanwhile, Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky on Friday promised victory over Russia as his country celebrated its first Defenders Day public holiday since the start of Moscow's invasion.

"On October 14, we express our gratitude... gratitude to everyone who fought for Ukraine in the past. And to everyone who is fighting for it now. To all who won then. And to everyone who will definitely win now," Mr. Zelensky said in a video address to mark the occasion. Zelensky laid a wreath with the yellow and blue colours of the Ukrainian flag in front of a memorial in the capital Kyiv, dedicated to soldiers killed on the frontlines since 2014, when fighting broke out with Russia-backed separatists in the east.

Jan. 6 panel votes to subpoena Trump

Associated Press
WASHINGTON

The House January 6 committee voted unanimously to subpoena former President Donald Trump, demanding his personal testimony as it unveiled startling new video and described his multi-part plan to overturn his 2020 election loss, which led to the assault on the U.S. Capitol.

With alarming messages from the U.S. Secret Service warning of violence and vivid new video of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and other congressional leaders pleading for help, the panel on Thursday showed the raw desperation at the Capitol. The panel said Mr. Trump had acted in a "premeditated" way before Jan. 6, 2021, despite countless aides and officials telling him he had lost.

Mr. Trump is almost certain to fight the subpoena and decline to testify. On his social media outlet, he blasted members for not asking him earlier – though he didn't say he would have complied – and called the panel "a total bust."

Teen kills 5, wounds 2 in U.S. shooting

Associated Press
NORTH CAROLINA

A 15-year-old boy fatally shot two people in the streets of a neighborhood in North Carolina's capital city, then fled toward a walking trail, where he opened fire, killing three more people and wounding two others, police said on Friday.

Raleigh Police Chief Estella Patterson said the suspect was hospitalized in critical condition following the shootings late on Thursday afternoon. Those killed were a racially diverse group and ranged in age from 16 to their late 50s, Ms. Patterson said during a news conference. Among the dead was an off-duty Raleigh police officer, Gabriel Torres, who was on his way to work when the shooting began. A second police officer was wounded and released from the hospital, while a 59-year-old woman remained hospitalized in critical condition.

Thursday's violence was the 25th mass killing in 2022 in which the victims were fatally shot, according to the *AP* database.

Indian student stabbed in Australia for cash

Press Trust of India
SYDNEY

A 28-year-old Indian student was stabbed multiple times in the face, chest and abdomen in Australia by a man who allegedly demanded cash, Australian officials said, with Indian authorities expecting the matter to be dealt with seriously and action taken against the perpetrators.

The incident took place on October 6 around 10.30 p.m. as Shubham Garg walked along the Pacific Highway, the NSW Police Force said in a statement on Monday. The police have arrested Daniel Norwood. The 27-year-old suspect has been charged with attempted murder after Mr. Garg, allegedly suffered multiple stab wounds to the face, chest and abdomen, the *Daily Telegraph* newspaper reported.

Police have arrested Daniel Norwood, and have charged him with attempted murder

Mr. Garg was approached by an unknown man near the Pacific Highway Lane Cove on Thursday. He suffered multiple stab wounds to his face, chest, and abdomen; he sought assistance from a nearby house before being taken to Royal North Shore Hospital. The man underwent surgery and remains there in a serious but stable condition, the NSW Police Force statement said.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of External Affairs in New Delhi on Friday said that the High Commission in Canberra was in touch with the local authorities over the incident and expected action to be taken against the perpetrators.

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL, RNT MEDICAL COLLEGE & CONTROLLER ASSOCIATED GROUP OF HOSPITALS, UDAIPUR (RAJ.)

No. RNT/Pur-I/F.16/(e-Tendering Proc)/2022-23/ 2080 Dated :- 28.09.2022

Notice Inviting Bid No. 09/2022-23(e-Tender)

Bids for Medical Equipments are invited from interested bidders upto Date:-28.10.2022 Time:- 10.30 AM. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal **(http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in)** of the state.

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DIPR/C/13088 PRINCIPAL & CONTROLLER

INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED VIROLOGY

IAV/200/ADMIN/2022 14.10.2022

NOTICE INVITING EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

ESTABLISHMENT OF BSL III FACILITY

Expression of Interest (EOI) is invited from experienced agencies towards the work for 'Design, Construction, Testing, Commissioning and Validation of BSL III facility at Institute of Advanced Virology, Thonnakkal, Thiruvananthapuram.

Last date of submission of EOI is 25.10.2022.

For further details visit **www.etenders.kerala.gov.in, www.hllhites.com/tenders, https://iav.kerala.gov.in/** and CPP portal.

e-tender ID: 2022_HITES_513941_1

Sd/-
Director

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No.: F./ACE/PHED/Ar. Sikar/NIT-57to67/2022-23/10653-72 Date : 04.10.2022

(e-NIT NO. 57 to 67/2022-23)

On behalf of the Governor of Rajasthan NIT No. 57 to 67/2022-23 online tender is hereby invited from eligible bidders for "Augmentation of various RWSS to provide FHTC including one year DLP of SVS under JJM of District Dausa/Sikar" as per criteria mentioned in the detailed NIT/tender document available on websites: https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in & http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in. Tenders are to be submitted online in electronic format on website https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in as per prescribed schedule.

NIT No.	Particular	Estt. Cost (Rs. in Lac)	UBN No.
57/2022-23	Piped RWSS Nirjharna at Block Lalsot Division Dausa	357.81	PHE2223WSOB07701
58/2022-23	Sub Dn. Dantaramgarh, District-Sikar	708.00	PHE2223WLOB07702
59/2022-23	Sub Dn. Dantaramgarh, District-Sikar	399.00	PHE2223WSOB07705
60/2022-23	Sub Dn. Dantaramgarh, District-Sikar	635.00	PHE2223WLOB07706
61/2022-23	Regional WSS Prempura-Rajpura, Sub Dn. Dantaramgarh, District-Sikar	383.00	PHE2223WSOB07707
62/2022-23	Regional WSS Karanpura-Jhoonka Bas Sub Dn. Dantaramgarh, District-Sikar	424.00	PHE2223WSOB07708
63/2022-23	Piped WSS Sihot Chotti, District Sub Dn. Sikar, District-Sikar	156.00	PHE2223WSOB07709
64/2022-23	District Sub Dn. Sikar, District-Sikar	391.00	PHE2223WSOB07710
65/2022-23	District Sub Dn. Sikar, District-Sikar	512.00	PHE2223WLOB07711
66/2022-23	Sub Dn. Dantaramgarh, District Sikar	641.00	PHE2223WLOB07712
67/2022-23	Piped WSS Baidh Ki Dhani Sub Dn. Dantaramgarh, District-Sikar	191.00	PHE2223WSOB07713

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NO :dsap/Accounts/2022-23/21120 Jaipur, date: 30.09.22

NIB NO: 05/2022-23

Bids for Scooter (scooty) with retrofitment of estimated value INR 5500 lacs invited from interested bidders upto 03.11.2022. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal **eproc.rajasthan.gov.in/ sppp.rajasthan.gov.in/ Department website dsap.rajasthan.gov.in**

UBN : DSA2223GLRC00011

NO :dsap/Accounts/2022-23/21121-21126

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SOUTHERN RAILWAY

TRIVANDRUM (WORKS BRANCH)

E-TENDER NOTICE No. V / W / TVC / 20 / 2022

Dated: 12.10.2022

Divisional Railway Manager / Works Branch / Trivandrum Division, Trivandrum-14 for and on behalf of the President of India invites online tenders for the following works as per tender notice given in our e-tender portal **www.ireps.gov.in.** The tenderer(s) / contractor(s) to apply for e-tender for WORKS in Trivandrum Division, need to get enrolled in the e-tender portal **www.ireps.gov.in** and only online tenders will be accepted.

Sl. No.	Description
1	(a) Repairs to Railway 'colony road (b) Repair and maintenance of LC approach roads (20 nos)' in Sr.Section Engineer / Pway / Alleppey section (c) Ernakulam - Alleppey - Kayamkulam section - Repairs and brightening of PF shelters & FOBs; Approx. Value ₹ in lakh: **60.62**; Earnest Money Deposit : ₹ **121300;** Period of Completion in Months: **THREE**
2	1). Ernakulam - Alleppey - Kayamkulam - Improvements of Railway colony including GI sheet roofing, water supply improvements, doors and windows repair, sanitary fittings etc. 2). Providing and laying water supply pipe line connections to PF sinks in Ernakulam - Alleppey - Kayamkulam section; Approx. Value ₹ in lakh: **79.19**; Earnest Money Deposit : ₹ **158400;** Period of Completion in Months: **THREE**
3	1. Ernakulam - Alleppey - Kayamkulam section - Essential improvement's to Station buildings and service buildings etc.: 2) Brightening of Office buildings, including station buildings from ARUR to Kayamkulam and gate lodges, pale fencings, PF coping walls in Sr. Section Engineer / Pway / Alleppey section including Kayamkulam station; Approx. Value ₹ in lakh: **68.19**; Earnest Money Deposit : ₹ **136400;** Period of Completion in Months: **THREE**
4	1). ERS- Essential repairs to platform surface including replacement of damaged slabs, repairs to trolley path etc. 2). Ernakulam - Alleppey - Kayamkulam Brightening of bridges. 3) Repairs and repainting of premises at Kumbalam. Tirunettur, Gate lodges at LC No.75,75A,1,4,6 Height gauges and rail fencing 4). Brightening up of platform shelters Ernakulam, Ernakulam North & Kumbalam; Approx. Value ₹ in lakh: **93.97**; Earnest Money Deposit : ₹ **188000;** Period of Completion in Months: **THREE**
5	Repair and resurfacing of Ernakulam Marshalling yard colony & goods approach road; Approx. Value ₹ in lakh: **82.54**; Earnest Money Deposit : ₹ **165100;** Period of Completion in Months: **TWO**
6	Providing Kilometre post, hectometre post, gradient post, curve board, LWR Board SEJ Board and Point boards in Alleppey P.Way Section; Approx. Value ₹ in lakh: **45.95**; Earnest Money Deposit : ₹ **91900;** Period of Completion in Months: **SIX**
7	Ernakulam - Alleppey - Kayamkulam - Essential Urgent works to eliminate deficiencies on track in Sr.Section Engineer / P.Way / Alleppey Section; Approx. Value ₹ in lakh: **122.05**; Earnest Money Deposit : ₹ **211000;** Period of Completion in Months: **TWELVE**
Tender Closing date and time	**Item No. 1 to 7** / **03.11.2022 at 11.00 hrs**

Details approximate value of tender, EMD & location are given on the e-portal, **www.ireps.gov.in**. For Details of bid submission, please refer website portal **www.ireps.gov.in**.

Senior Divisional Engineer / Co-ordination / Trivandrum-14

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INBRIEF

ALL's holding in unit Hinduja Leyland Fin shrinks to 60.4%

Ashok Leyland Ltd.'s (ALL) shareholding in its material subsidiary Hinduja Leyland Finance Ltd. (HLFL) has decreased from 68.8% to 60.4%. The decrease was due to allotment of shares to qualified institutional buyers (QIBs), ALL said in a filing. On Thursday, HLFL board issued 6.5 crore equity shares to five QIBs at ₹140 per share each aggregating to ₹910 crore. With the infusion of these funds, the capital adequacy ratio of HLFL has risen to 22.5% from 18.7% as of March 22.

Pernod Ricard's Cuny steps down for health reasons

Global wines and spirits major Pernod Ricard said its South Asia and India MD Thibault Cuny has stepped down due to health reasons.

The firm's Asia Chairman and CEO Philippe Guettat will hold charge in t interim, the company said in a statement. "[Mr.] Cuny has been dealing with health concerns over the past couple of years and his decision to take a break is based on medical advice. He will continue to be employed at Pernod Ricard," it added. PTI

Federal Bank Q2 net jumps 50% on interest income

Federal Bank on Friday reported a 50% jump in its September-quarter consolidated net profit to ₹733.34 crore on the back of healthy growth in both interest and other income streams.

The lender posted a 52% jump in standalone net profit at ₹703.71 crore. MD and CEO Shyam Srinivasan told reporters that this was the strongest-ever quarter in the bank's history from a profit perspective, adding that the number came despite an increase in provisions. PTI

'India's policies must aid its 'bright spot' forecast'

IMF does not see 'a lot of room' for fiscal support given the level of debt, so any further support will have to be 'very targeted' and time-limited, says Fund's Gulde-Wolf

Sriram Lakshman
WASHINGTON D.C.

Room for more: It's true that one needs to look at what else can be done to mitigate the slowdown next year, says Gulde-Wolf. REUTERS

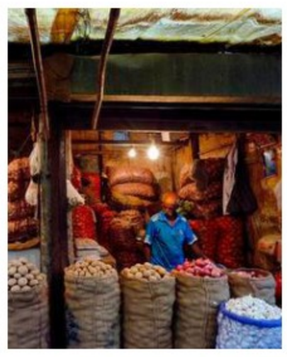
Even as it praised India's growth forecasts of 6.8% in FY22-23 and 6.1% in FY23-24, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) cautioned that there was limited policy space given overall global conditions.

With downgrades in growth forecasts from June, and a slowdown predicted next year, a growth rate next fiscal year of 6.1% for India was "still a bright spot", Anne-Marie Gulde-Wolf, Deputy Director of the Asia and Pacific Department said at a press conference on Thursday evening at the IMF's headquarters here. "But, it's absolutely true that one needs to look at what else can be done," she said in response to a question from *The Hindu* on what India could do to counter or mitigate the slowdown (to 6.1%) next fiscal year.

The IMF does not see "a lot of room" for fiscal support given the level of debt, so any further fiscal support would have to be "very targeted" and time-limited, Ms. Gulde-Wolf said, adding that the Indian central bank's monetary policy, too, had to have a "tightening bias".

'No impediments'

"But it is important to... whatever can be done on the structural front, to not create impediments for growth and to try and also create an expectation of continued forward movement," she said.



Wholesale inflation cooled to 10.7% in Sept.

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Wholesale price inflation dropped from 12.4% in August to 10.7% in September, the lowest in a year-and-a-half, with food price rise easing to a 10-month low from almost double-digit levels a month earlier even though vegetables and cereals prices shot up.

September marks the 18th month in a row that wholesale price inflation has stayed above 10%, but is the fourth straight month that wholesale inflation has eased after hitting a record high of 16.63% in May, with June reporting 16.23%. July's wholesale inflation rate was revised upwards from 13.93% estimated earlier to 14.07%.

Vegetables inflation zoomed to 39.7% in September from 22.3% in August, with potato inflation surging to 49.8%. Cereals inflation also inched up from 11.8% to 11.9%, with wheat inflation hitting 16.09%. Inflation in fruits cooled to 4.55% from 31.7%, as did manufactured food products', which dropped to 3% from 5.6%.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	FRIDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	57,920	1.20
US Dollar	82.32	0.07
Gold	51,098	-0.31
Brent oil	92.11	-2.16

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	3209.50	-24.15
Adani Ports	780.10	-4.65
Apollo Hosp	4297.15	31.10
Asian Paints	3185.50	-23.50
Axis Bank	800.50	-1.50
Bajaj Auto	3570.50	-34.30
Bajaj Finserv	1688.30	6.55
Bajaj Finance	7272.50	120.85
Bharti Airtel	765.95	-2.95
BPCL	297.85	-2.45
Britannia Ind	3796.25	11.65
Cipla	1108.90	5.25
Coal India	236.35	1.80
Divis Lab	3572.80	48.95
Dr Reddys Lab	4310.80	56.15
Eicher Motors	3477.20	6.00
Grasim Ind	1695.55	15.80
HCL Tech	1002.55	20.45
HDFC	2343.50	60.25
HDFC Bank	1439.00	45.40
HDFC Life	523.00	2.35
Hero MotoCorp	2535.90	-10.55
Hindalco	397.15	-4.40
Hind Unilever	2575.80	9.40
ICICI Bank	870.25	16.65
IndusInd Bank	1181.60	-2.65
Infosys	1474.25	54.35
ITC	332.10	3.45
JSW Steel	640.25	-8.10
Kotak Bank	1834.00	32.50
L&T	1911.60	35.45
M&M	1230.30	-17.90
Maruti Suzuki	8617.30	-32.25
NestleIndia	18928.00	164.35
NTPC	165.10	0.35
ONGC	127.60	-2.25
PowerGrid Corp	212.65	-1.30
Reliance Ind	2370.70	-12.10
SBI Life	1179.80	-8.10
State Bank	527.20	5.75
Sun Pharma	976.30	7.90
TataConsumerProduct	761.25	3.85
Tata Motors	396.25	-2.75
Tata Steel	100.10	0.00
TCS	3099.15	-4.15
Tech Mahindra	1019.85	6.90
Titan	2617.80	19.15
UltraTech Cement	6192.00	10.25
UPL	678.30	14.40
Wipro	377.30	-1.80

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on October 14

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	82.15	82.47
Euro	80.06	80.38
British Pound	92.62	92.99
Japanese Yen (100)	55.63	55.85
Chinese Yuan	11.42	11.47
Swiss Franc	82.05	82.37
Singapore Dollar	57.71	57.94
Canadian Dollar	59.64	59.87
Malaysian Ringitt	17.47	17.55
Australian Dollar	51.78	51.99

Source:Indian Bank

'Risky to lift repo rate above neutral when growth fragile'

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) member Jayanth Varma had suggested that the RBI should raise the policy repo rate to 6% [rather than the 5.90% that was achieved by the MPC's decision to raise the rate by 50 basis points] and then take a pause to allow time for the policy rate to get transmitted, the minutes of the September 28-30 meeting of the MPC show.

"A pause is needed after this hike because monetary policy acts with lags," Mr. Varma said at the meeting, the minutes released on Friday show. "It may take 3-4 quarters for the ... rate to be transmitted to the real economy, and the peak effect may take as long as 5-6 quarters."

Emphasising that it was dangerous to push the policy rate well above the neutral rate in an environment where the growth outlook was very fragile, he said while the level of economic output had recovered to pre-pandemic levels, it remained well below the pre-pandemic trend line.

"If we raise the repo rate to around 6% at this meeting, that would be a cumulative increase of around two percentage points in just four months," he said, adding the MPC needed to guard against high rates hurting investment revival.

Tata Power says hit by cyberattack

Reuters
BENGALURU

Tata Power late on Friday reported a cyberattack on its IT infrastructure that impacted some of its systems.

The company said it has taken steps to retrieve and restore the systems, adding all critical operational systems are functioning.

It also has put in place restricted access and preventive checks for staff and customer-facing portals.

Zoomcar, Innovative International to merge

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Car sharing platform Zoomcar on Friday said it has inked a merger agreement with Innovative International Acquisition Corp and subsequently become a publicly listed entity on Nasdaq.

The transaction values the combined company at about $456 million.

Upon closing of the transaction, the combined entity will be renamed Zoomcar Holdings Inc, and expects to list its common stock on Nasdaq.

India-U.K. trade deal said likely to miss Deepavali deadline

Reuters
NEW DELHI

A free trade agreement (FTA) between India and Britain will not be done in time for Deepavali in late October, two sources in New Delhi told Reuters on Friday, although it was not immediately clear what was causing the delay.

Previous sticking points have included a steep import duty on British whiskey for sale in India and India's demand for more visas for Indian students and businesses. After meeting PM Narendra Modi in New Delhi in April, then British premier Boris Johnson said that the two leaders had agreed to get a deal done by the Hindu festival. The aim is to double bilateral trade by 2030.

Foreign ministry spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said Deepavali deadline had not been cast in stone.

Asked if India's demand for more visas was holding up negotiations, he said there was an understanding between both countries on "mobility and consular matters" which would require "mutual implementation".

India pushes oil refiners to diversify after OPEC+ cuts

Reuters
JAIPUR

India said it will speed up its diversification of oil imports to hedge against any surprise output cuts by the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries and its allies.

"This will hurt large importers like India, who spent about $120 billion last year on the import of petroleum products," Oil Minister Hardeep Singh Puri said in reference to an OPEC+ decision last week to cut output by 2 million barrels per day.

September exports grew 4.8%, revised data show

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

India's goods exports expanded 4.8% in September to $35.45 billion as opposed to a 3.5% contraction estimated earlier, the Commerce Ministry said on Friday.

Imports, however, stayed above the $60-billion mark for the seventh successive month, rising 8.66% to $61.16 billion.

Trade deficit rises

The trade deficit for the month stood at $25.71 billion, about 14.4% higher than September 2021, but 10.35% below the $28.68 billion in August 2022, which was the second highest monthly deficit on record.

Non-petroleum and non-gems and jewellery exports shrank 4.6% in September to $24.2 billion, even as imports, excluding these products, rose 20.6% at $37.71 billion, as per quick estimates.

Coal imports jumped 60.8% to $3.52 billion, while fertilizers imports rose 48.3% to $1.8 billion. Iron and steel imports grew 39.2% to $1.87 billion. Inbound shipments of gold and petroleum products, however, shrank 24.6% and 5.4%, respectively, to $3.85 billion and $15.87 billion.

For the first half of 2022-23, India's goods exports are now almost 17% up at $231.9 billion, while imports have surged 38.5% to 380.34 billion. At $148.5 billion, the trade deficit is now 94.7% higher than the first half of 2021-22.

Shree Cement Q2 profit sinks 67% as fuel expenses rise

Reuters
BENGALURU

Shree Cement Ltd. reported a 67.2% slump in second- quarter profit after fuel costs surged.

Standalone net profit for the quarter-ended September 30 came in at ₹1.90 billion ($23.12 million), compared with ₹5.78 billion a year ago, it said in an exchange filing.

Revenue rose 17.9% to ₹37.81 billion.

Total expenses jumped 41.1% to ₹36.88 billion as fuel costs increased amid a surge in global oil prices.

Sport

Rudrankksh wins World Championship gold and Olympic quota for Paris 2024 Games

Sports Bureau

Rudrankksh Patil was in brilliant form as he beat Danilo Dennis Sollazzo of Italy 17-13 for the gold in men's air rifle and sealed the Olympic quota for Paris in style in the World Championship in Cairo on Friday.

The 18-year-old Rudrankksh, competing in the men's field for the first time, was a class act as he topped qualification with 633.9 points. More importantly, he was able to ward off the threat from two Chinese shooters, including reigning World and Olympic champion Yang Haoran.

It was the second Olympic quota for India after Bhoweesh Mendiratta had sealed the one in trap at the recent shotgun World Championship in Osijek, Croatia.

Rudrankksh's gold in air rifle was only the second in the event for India, after Abhinav Bindra had won in 2006.

Rudrankksh pipped Sheng Lihao by 0.1 point in the second stage with his score of 261.9 to be eligible for the gold match. Lihao had to settle for bronze and Yang Haoran finished fourth.

In the qualification stage, Rudrankksh shot scores ranging from 105.1 to 106.1 in the six cards, to top a field of 114 shooters. He was 0.6 point ahead of Lihao.

It may be recalled that Anjum Moudgil had won the World Championship silver in women's air rifle in 2018 to qualify for the Tokyo Olympics.

India was second behind China on the medals table, and missed a bronze in the 50m rifle prone mixed event, as Nischal and Surya Pratap Singh were beaten 16-6 by Americans Katie Lorraine Zaun and Rylan Kissell.

The results:

10m air rifle: Men: 1. Rudrankksh Patil 17 (261.9) 633.9; 2. Danila Dennis Sollazzo (Ita) 13 (262.7) 631.9; 3. Sheng Lihao (Chn) 261.8 (633.3); 4. Yang Haoran (Chn) 260.2 (632.1); 8. Kiran Jadhav 154.2 (630.6); 48. Arjun Babuta 625.3.

A day to remember: Rudrankksh who emerged World Champion in air rifle in Cairo on Friday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Arsenal stays perfect; United leaves it very late

EUROPA LEAGUE

Agency France-Presse
PARIS

Arsenal maintained its perfect start to the Europa League as Bukayo Saka's goal clinched a 1-0 win at Bodo/Glimt, while Manchester United left it late to beat Omonia Nicosia.

Saka struck midway through the first half in Norway to give the Gunners a third win in as many outings in Group A. Scott McTominay spared United's blushes with a 93rd-minute goal in a 1-0 win over Cypriots Omonia at Old Trafford.

Goal! Saka scores Arsenal's winner. REUTERS

Important results: Group A: Bodo/Glimt 0 lost to Arsenal 1 (Saka 24).
Group C: Real Betis 1 (Canales 34) drew with Roma 1 (Belotti 53).
Group D: Union Berlin 1 (Knoche 89-pen) bt Malmo 0.
Group E: Manchester United 1 (McTominay 90+3) bt Omonia Nicosia 0; Real Sociedad 3 (Sorloth 45+1, Rico 66, Navarro 81) bt Sheriff Tiraspol 0.
Group F: Lazio 2 (Immobile 45-pen, Pedro 71) drew with Sturm Graz 2 (Boving 56, 83).

CRICKET

Pakistan beats New Zealand by five wickets, clinches tri-series trophy

Mohammad Nawaz (1/33 & 38 n.o.) lifted Pakistan to a five-wicket win over New Zealand in the final of the T20 tri-series in Christchurch. **The scores:** New Zealand 163/7 in 20 overs (Williamson 59, Phillips 29, Chapman 25) lost to Pakistan 168/5 in 19.3 overs (Rizwan 34, Nawaz 38 n.o., Haider 31, Iftikhar 25 n.o.).

T20 WORLD CUP

Tickets sold out for Australia-NZ and India-Pakistan matches

More than 600,000 tickets have been sold for the Twenty20 World Cup in Australia, preliminary stage of which begins on Sunday. Australia's opening match against New Zealand will be played before a capacity crowd at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

The India-Pakistan fixture the following night is also a sell-out.

KABADDI

U Mumba, Pink Panthers and Giants cruise to victories

It was a day of one-sided contests as U Mumba beat Tamil Thalaivas (39-32), Jaipur Pink Panthers defeated Haryana Steelers (44-31) and Gujarat Giants roared past Puneri Paltan 47-37 in the Pro Kabaddi League in Bengaluru on Friday. Aslam Inamdar's 19-point effort for Paltan was the best of the night, but in a losing cause.

ATHLETICS

Amit and Akash strike gold in Asian youth championships

Amit Chaudhary (boys' 1500m) and Akash Yadav (boys' shot put) won gold in Asian youth athletics championships in Kuwait. **Other Indian medallists: Boys: Pole vault:** 3. Kuldeep Kumar. **Shot put:** 3. Siddharth Choudhary. **Girls: 400m:** 2. Isha Rajesh, 3. Anushka Dattatray. **Long jump:** 2. Mubssina Mohd. **Discus:** 3. Nikita.

Shami gets a chance at redemption

The pacer has been chosen as replacement for the injured Bumrah; Siraj, Shardul named as back-ups and will travel to Australia

T20 WORLD CUP

Amol Karhadkar
MUMBAI

The National selection panel has announced Mohammed Shami as Jasprit Bumrah's replacement for the T20 World Cup beginning next week.

"Shami has reached Australia and will link up with the squad in Brisbane ahead of the warm-up matches," read a statement from BCCI secretary Jay Shah on Friday.

"Mohammed Siraj and Shardul Thakur have been named as back-ups and will travel to Australia shortly," he said.

Shami, who wasn't considered for the shortest format after India's disastrous World Cup campaign in the UAE last year, was named standby when the squad was announced last month. With Bumrah's back injury having flared up, Shami was expected to be his replacement.

However, Shami was diagnosed with COVID towards the end of September and had to pass a fitness test at the National Cricket Academy before being cleared to travel.

Back in the mix: Shami will join the Indian squad soon. AFP

The squad: Rohit Sharma (Capt.), K.L. Rahul (Vice-capt.), Virat Kohli, Suryakumar Yadav, Deepak Hooda, Rishabh Pant (wk), Dinesh Karthik (wk), Hardik Pandya, R. Ashwin, Yuzvendra Chahal, Axar Patel, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Harshal Patel, Arshdeep Singh and Mohammed Shami.

India favourite to reassert continental supremacy

ASIA CUP

Press Trust of India
SYLHET

Team India will look to reassert its supremacy and aim to win an unprecedented seventh Asia Cup title when it clashes with Sri Lanka in the final here on Saturday.

The tournament brought to the fore India's depth as the younger crop of players shouldered the burden of taking the team into the final. In fact, skipper Harmanpreet Kaur played only four games (81 runs) and Smriti Mandhana, who led in three games, skipped one match.

Biggest takeaway

The biggest takeaway from the tournament is that the junior members showed their mettle when thrown in at the deep end.

The most encouraging takeaway was the way the three 'seasoned' youngsters – 18-year-old Shafali Verma (161 runs, three wickets), 22-year-old Jemimah Rodrigues (215 runs) and 25-year-old Deepti Sharma (94 runs, 13 wickets) – put their hands up and carried the team.

The only blip in an otherwise flawless campaign was a defeat to Pakistan. India will not get a chance to settle scores with Pakistan, at least in this edition, as Sri Lanka knocked it out in the semifinals.

Primed for victory: India has given a good account of itself in the tournament so far and will look to carry the momentum. PTI

At least on paper, the summit clash is a complete mismatch as only one Sri Lankan batter (Oshadi Ranasinghe) has managed to scale the 100-plus strike-rate. Only two batters – Harshitha Madavi (201 runs) and Nilakshi de Silva (124 runs) – have accumulated 100 plus runs across matches.

Even its most well-known woman cricketer Chamari Athapaththu has scored 96 runs at a below par strike-rate of 85 plus. In bowling, only left-arm spinner Inoka Ranaweera (12 wickets) has looked the part.

If the Sri Lankan women can get past India, it will be the icing on the cake with its men's team havingwon the Asia Cup last month.

Bowling strength

What would make India runaway favourites is the depth in the slow-bowling department where Deepti, Rajeshwari Gayakwad and Sneh Rana have all been very economical. Such have been the conditions that seamers Renuka Singh and Meghna Singh were not required much. Meghna, in fact did not play the semifinal against Thailand.

The teams:

India: Harmanpreet Kaur (Capt.), Smriti Mandhana (Vice-Capt.), Shafali Verma, S. Meghana, Jemimah Rodrigues, Deepti Sharma, Richa Ghosh (wk), D. Hemalatha, Sneh Rana, Radha Yadav, Rajeshwari Gayakwad, Renuka Thakur, Meghna Singh, Kiran Navgire and Pooja Vastrakar.

Sri Lanka: Chamari Athapaththu (Capt.), Nilakshi de Silva, Kavisha Dilhari, Achini Kulasuriya, Sugandha Kumari, Harshitha Samarawickrama, Madhushika Methtananda, Hasini Perera, Oshadi Ranasinghe, Inoka Ranaweera, Anushka Sanjeewani, Kaushani Nuthyangana, Malsha Shehani and Rashmi Silva.

Match starts at 1 p.m.

Amlan and Yarraji headline a line-up bereft of many stars

N. Sudarshan
BENGALURU

Sprinters Amlan Borgohain and Jyothi Yarraji are expected to be among the few star attractions at the 61st National Open athletics championships beginning at the Sree Kanteerava Stadium here on Saturday.

Owing to the short turnaround time after the National Games, the Open will not feature the likes of long-jumpers M. Sreeshankar and Jeswin Aldrin. The triple jump trio of Eldhose Paul, Abdulla Aboobacker and Praveen Chithravel will also miss the event.

Amlan, who won the 100m and 200m titles at the National Games in Gujarat, holds the National record in both. Yarraji can look forward to another showdown against the likes of Hima Das and Olympian Srabani Nanda.

Javelin champion D.P. Manu and race walker Ram Baboo, who created a new National record over 35km in Gandhinagar, are the other athletes to watch out for.

Also in the entry list is shot putter Tajinderpal Singh Toor, the 2018 Asian Games gold medallist, who is on a comeback trail after missing both the World Championship and Commonwealth Games because of a groin injury.

With the city in the midst of a rainy spell, conditions are expected to be damp and wet. But temperatures did rise a few notches Thursday evening when Manu was prevented from practising in the main event area.

Amlan.V.V. KRISHNAN

"According to competition rules, the main pitch cannot be used before the event," clarified A. Rajavelu, secretary of the Karnataka Athletics Association, host of the meet. "Also, the ground is maintained by Government's DYES department and ISL football also happens here.

"We can't damage the turf by practising. The ground was booked for the event from 15th to 19th. We can practise on the track before that but not on the grass. This rule is for all, not just one athlete."

India slips to second successive defeat

Breaking through: After a goalless first half, Morocco slotted home three in the second. BISWARANJAN ROUT

Neeladri Bhattacharjee
BHUBANESWAR

India suffered its second successive reverse, losing 0-3 to Morocco this time, in the FIFA under-17 Women's World Cup at the Kalinga Stadium on Friday.

All the goals came in the second half with Doha El Madani, Yasmine Zouhir and Djennah Cherif finding the target.

At half-time, India didn't concede a goal. But the hosts' hopes of sharing a point were shattered when a handball by Naketa in the 51st minute gifted Morocco a penalty. Doha Al Madani converted with ease.

Samya Masnaoui's cross from the right fell to Zouhir, who tapped it home in the 62nd minute.

India came close to scoring when Anita got a through ball in the 83rd minute, but Wissal Titah's towering and calm presence denied the hosts. In injury time, Cherif completed the scoring.

Earlier, Brazil and USA were involved in a 1-1 draw. Nicollette Kiorpes gave USA the lead in the 33rd minute before Carol pulled Brazil level four minutes later.

The results: India 0 lost to Morocco 3 (El Madani 51-pen, Zouhir 62, Cherif 90+2); Brazil 1 (Carol 37) drew with USA 1 (Kiorpes 33).

Prasanth's strike helps CFC share honours with BFC

ISL-9

Aashin Prasad
CHENNAI

Chennaiyin FC treated its fans, who returned to the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium after over two years, to an entertaining 1-1 draw against Bengaluru FC in the Indian Super League here on Friday.

Prasanth scored the equaliser after the home side fell behind to an early goal from Roy Krishna. Chennaiyin 'keeper Debjit Majumder was sent off late in the game as the hosts finished with a point.

It took Bengaluru only four minutes to silence the home crowd when Krishna met Sivasakthi Narayanan's outside-of-the-boot pass with a glancing header to loop the ball into the net.

After a sedate start, Chennaiyin kicked into gear from the 15-minute mark. Prashanth and fullback Ajith Kumar, who had forgettable outings in the win over ATK Mohun Bagan, were menacing on the right side which was exposed in a 3-5-2 formation.

Pulling level: Prasanth cashed in on a through ball from Sliskovic to trigger celebrations in the Chennaiyin camp. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Chennaiyin relentlessly peppered Bengaluru's box with crosses and runs into the box. Prasanth had a shot saved by Gurpreet, Fallou Diagne's header from a corner missed the goal by a fraction and Petar Sliskovic thundered the crossbar with a volleyed effort.

The pressure paid off in the added minute of the first half when Sliskovic slipped in a through ball to Prasanth, who slotted a finish past Gurpreet.

The second half was an even contest but as the game became stretched, in the 82nd minute, Debjit was sent off for bringing down Krishna, just outside his own box.

Despite being a man down, Chennaiyin's substitute Kwame Karikari made a surging run from inside his own half before firing his shot over in added time.

The result: Chennaiyin FC 1 (Prasanth 45+1) drew with Bengaluru FC 1 (Krishna 4).

Prakash Padukone honoured with SJFI medal

Sports Bureau
BENGALURU

Badminton legend Prakash Padukone was awarded the Sports Journalists' Federation of India (SJFI) medal for 2019 at a warm ceremony at the Karnataka State Cricket Association here on Friday.

The medal was instituted in 2018, with Vijay Amritraj the first winner. The award function for 2019 was delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Normally I don't like to be on stage. I'd rather be on the court than give a speech. [But] it's a great honour," said a beaming Padukone. "There are so many stalwarts here. I don't know if I qualify to get the award so early when so many others have done so well. I am delighted."

Foremost among those present to honour the 1980 All England champion was cricketing great G.R. Viswanath.

Grabbing the mike!

The batting icon, like Padukone, is media shy, camera averse and not for speeches. But he literally grabbed the mike to lead the tributes, for in this age of instant and perishable celebrity, Padukone is timeless.

Glittering cast: Prakash Padukone poses with the SJFI medal and citation in the company of Dhanraj, Laxman, Viswanath, Trupti, Vasanth Bharadwaj and Arjun Halappa. K. BHAGYA PRAKASH

"This is one of the greatest days of my life," said Viswanath. "He showed all of us how to be on and off the field, and even now he is an example. I am so glad to be here."

On the occasion, Padukone reflected on badminton's ascent to become India's "second most popular sport".

"My victory in All England in 1980 was a landmark. Badminton was a minor sport before that. Gradually, with the support from federations, the government and media, badminton has come this far.

"Winning the Thomas Cup (2022) is one of the highlights. I thought it would take at least 10-15 years more to win it. This shows that there is so much talent in the country."

Former India batting star V.V.S. Laxman, hockey celebrities Dhanraj Pillay and Arjun Halappa, table tennis international Vasanth Bharadwaj and badminton's Trupti Murgunde were among those present.

A. Vinod, SJFI president, welcomed the gathering.

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Gopi Chand, Narain impart valuable lessons

Kamesh Srinivasan
BENGALURU

They are two of the finest champions we have had in Indian sports. It was no surprise that when P. Gopi Chand and Narain Karthikeyan gave an insight into their journey, it was spellbinding for the audience in the World Summit for Ethics and Leadership in Sports on Friday.

"I got a chance to do what I wanted to do. I always counted my blessings. From outside, it may have looked hard work, but I never felt it as a challenge. At every step, I felt that the next step was possible," said Gopi Chand.

When sought for advice for youth, Gopi said, "We don't know how far we can go. So, give it the best shot".

Narain Karthikeyan, the first from the country to drive in Formula 1, asked young drivers and sportspersons to "never take anything for granted".

Stupid mistake

Narain recalled how he had missed a golden opportunity when he was 22, with a "stupid mistake" at the F3 World Cup in Macau.

"On lap seven, there was a slight lapse of concentration. It was a street circuit. I had negotiated that bump hundreds of times, but on the same bump, I crashed on to the barrier... it was game over," said Narain.

Narain said his example would give others the confidence to get into F1.

"Aim big, dream big," he said.

Kerala overcomes batting collapse to beat Haryana

After Vyshak takes three for five to restrict Meghalaya to 89 for eight, Mayank and Manish steer Karnataka home

MUSHTAQ ALI TROPHY

Sports Bureau

Kerala overcame a batting collapse to sneak a three-wicket win over Haryana and maintain its unbeaten run in the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy T20 tournament at Mohali on Friday. Kerala, set a modest target of 132, has to thank P.A. Abdul Bazith, who scored 27 not out off just 15 balls (3x4, 1x6).

Bazith, in his first season for Kerala, had come in at 90 for six, with Kerala needing another 42 runs. After Sijomon Joseph fell for 13, he found an able ally in Manu Krishnan. they added 26 for their unfinished eighth wicket to take their side home with an over to spare.

Openers Vishnu Vinod (25, 26b, 2x4, 1x6) and Rohan Kunnummal (26, 18b, 5x4) had given Kerala another fine start, putting on 52 before Jayant Yadav bowled the latter.

In full flow: Mayank's 29-ball unbeaten 47 contained four fours and three sixes. .

In the next over, Amit Mishra took the most valuable wicket of Sanju Samson, who had joined the team the previous day after the ODI series against South Africa.

The skipper could make only three.

In the following over, Rahul Tewatia trapped Vishnu lbw. Haryana's quality spin-attack had Kerala in a spot of bother. The trouble deepened when the in-form Mohammed Azharuddeen was run out for 13, but Haryana's hopes were dashed by Bazith, who had earlier in the day taken a wicket off the first ball of the match with his off-spin.

The highlight of the Haryana innings (131 for seven) was the 62-run stand for the seventh wicket between Sumit Kumar (30 not out, 23b, 3x6) and Jayant (39, 25b, 5x4, 1x6).

Big win for Karnataka

In another Group C match, Karnataka crushed Meghalaya by nine wickets with 9.5 overs to spare.

After losing Devdutt Padikkal for a duck in the opening over, captain Mayank Agarwal (47 not out, 29b, 4x4, 3x6) and Manish Pandey (42 not out, 28b, 5x4, 2x6) added 90 for the unbroken second wicket to overtake Meghalaya's 89 for eight.

Seamer Vyshak Vijaykumar took three for five from four overs, while Larry Sangma (34, 25b, 2x4, 2x6) top-scored for Meghalaya.

FRIDAY'S SCORES

Group A (Rajkot): Uttarakhand 194/2 in 20 overs (Avneesh Sudha 38, Piyush Joshi 56, Aditya Tare 35 n.o., Kunal Chandela 59 n.o.) bt Madhya Pradesh 144/9 in 20 overs (Venkatesh Iyer 42, Rajan Kumar 3/17).
Mumbai 230/3 in 20 overs (Prithvi Shaw 134, Yashasvi Jaiswal 42) bt Assam 169 in 19.3 overs (Rajjakuddin Ahmed 39, Tushar Deshpande 3/25).
Vidarbha 192/6 in 20 overs (Jitesh Sharma 43, Shubham Dubey 49 n.o.) bt Mizoram 78/6 in 20 overs (Shreevats Goswami 48 n.o.).
Rajasthan 167/6 in 20 overs (Mahipal Lomror 50, Samarpit Joshi 39) bt Railways 159/8 in 20 overs (Shivam Chaudhary 70, Upendra Yadav 35, Aniket Choudhary 3/25).
Group B (Jaipur): Tripura 118/7 in 20 overs (Wriddhiman Saha 62, Siddarth Kaul 3/33) lost to Punjab 119/1 in 15 overs (Abhishek Sharma 34, Prabhsimran Singh 57 n.o.).
Delhi 99 in 19.5 overs (Nitish Rana 45, Shivam Mavi 4/14) lost to Uttar Pradesh 102/2 in 17 overs (Karan Sharma 52 n.o., Akshdeep Nath 31 n.o.).
Manipur 125/7 in 20 overs (Kangabam Singh 58) bt Pondicherry 122/5 in 20 overs (M. Vikneshwaran 45, Parameeswaran Sivaraman 34 n.o.).
Hyderabad 177/6 in 20 overs (Tanmay Agarwal 55, Tilak Varma 62, Arjun Tendulkar 4/10) bt Goa 140 in 18.5 overs (Aditya Kaushik 33, Ravi Teja 4/20).
Group C (Mohali): Meghalaya 89/8 in 20 overs (Larry Sangma 34, Vijaykumar Vyshak 3/5) lost to Karnataka 90/1 in 10.1 overs (Mayank Agarwal 47 n.o., Manish Pandey 42 n.o.).
Haryana 131/7 in 20 overs (Sumit Kumar 30 n.o., Jayant Yadav 39) lost to Kerala 132/7 in 19 overs (Rahul Tewatia 3/18).
Arunachal Pradesh 75 in 19.4 overs lost to Services 76/1 in 9 overs (Anshul Gupta 38 n.o., Rahul Singh 33 n.o.).
Jammu & Kashmir 175/5 in 20 overs (Shubham Khajuria 44, Abdul Samad 55) lost to Maharashtra 176/7 in 19.3 overs (Pavan Shah 51, Rahul Tripathi 59, Umran Malik 4/27).
Group D (Indore): Baroda 153 in 20 overs (Krunal Pandya 57) lost to Gujarat 156/8 in 20 overs (Priyank Panchal 44, Ninad Rathva 3/4).
Saurashtra 203/5 in 20 overs (Cheteshwar Pujara 62, Samarth Vyas 97 n.o.) bt Nagaland 106/5 in 20 overs (Chetan Bist 33).
Himachal Pradesh 179/7 in 20 overs (Prashant Chopra 32, Sumeet Verma 50, Akash Vasisht 35) bt Bihar 150/6 in 20 overs (Bipin Saurabh 40, Sakibul Gani 48, Vaibhav Arora 3/34).
Group E (Lucknow): Odisha 86 in 18.1 overs (Mukesh Kumar 3/12, Writtick Chatterjee 3/22) lost to Bengal 87/2 in 14.3 overs (Abhimanyu Easwaran 37 n.o.).
Sikkim 79 in 20 overs (R. Sai Kishore 3/7) lost to Tamil Nadu 80/1 in 9.4 overs (N. Jagadeesan 58 n.o.).
Jharkhand 106/9 in 20 overs (Aayush Bhardwaj 30, Sandeep Sharma 3/16, Gurinder Singh 4/20) lost to Chandigarh 107/1 in 17.3 overs (Manan Vohra 72 n.o.).
Saturday is a rest day.

Speedster runs to victory in Governor's Cup-2022

RACING

MYSURU: Speedster (Antony Raj up), won the Governor's Cup-2022, the feature event of the races held here on Friday (Oct 14). The winner is owned and trained by Warren Singh.

1. BELGAUM PLATE (1,600m), rated 40 to 65: **FLASH BOND** (Angad) 1, Tia Maria (J.H. Arul) 2, Aurele (H. Zeeshan) 3 and Gintoki (B. Darshan) 4. 3/4, 1-3/4 and 2-1/2. 1m, 41.99s. ₹42 (w), 20 and 19 (p), SHP: 28, THP: 31, FP: 118, Q: 48, Trinella: 230 and 112. Favourite: Tia Maria.
Owner: Col. Kuldeep Singh Garcha. Trainer: Pratap Kamath.

2. NYVELI PLATE (DIV. II), (1,200m), rated 00 to 25: **AKASI** (R. Pradeep) 1, Thea's Gift (Angad) 2, Scarlet Princess (H. Rathod) 3 and Swiss Bay (Kiran Rai) 4. 3, 3/4 and 3-1/4. 1m, 16.47s. ₹25 (w), 13, 10 and 22 (p), SHP: 34, THP: 39, FP.53, Q: 22, Trinella: 211 and 171. Favourite: Thea's Gift.
Owner: Mr. Ramesh R. Trainer: S. Inayathulla.

3. DELHI PLATE (1,600m), rated 20 to 45: **TAREK** (S. Saqlain) 1, Parker (Angad) 2, Worldly Wise (Antony) 3 and Great Hope (Hasib A) 4. Lnk, 1-3/4 and 2-1/4. 1m, 41.96s. ₹24 (w), 12, 26 and 10 (p), SHP: 53, THP: 53, FP: 254, Q: 137, Trinella: 454 and 86. Favourite: Tarek.
Owner: Mrs. Shirley M. Bobby. Trainer: M. Bobby.

4. A.R. SUBRAMANYA RAJ URS MEMORIAL TROPHY (1,200m), rated 40 to 65, 4-y-o & over: **ANAKIN** (Jagadeesh) 1, Fernet Branca (J.H. Arul) 2, The Response (Sai Kiran) 3 and Evangeline (Rayan) 4. Not run: Lauterbrunnen, Deimus and Lagopus. 2-1/2, 3/4 and 2-1/4. 1m, 13.73s. ₹89 (w), 16, 18 and 12 (p), SHP: 39, THP: 43, FP: 491, Q: 185, Trinella: 1,215 and 597. Favourite: Fernet Branca.
Owners: M/s. N. Prem Kumar, H.K. Lakshman Gowda, Rakesh Kumar & V. Lokanath. Trainer: V. Lokanath.

5. GOVERNOR'S CUP-2022 (2,000m), 4-y-o & over, (Terms): **SPEEDSTER** (Antony) 1, Trafalgar (Trevor) 2 and Jake (Hindu S) 3. 5-1/4 and 3/4. 2m, 08.12s. ₹30 (w). Favourite: Trafalgar. Owner and trainer: Mr. Warren Singh.

6. PAPANASHINI PLATE (1,200m), rated 40 to 65, 5-y-o & over: **SILVER DAYS AGAIN** (Sai Kumar) 1, Coastal Cruise (Antony) 2, Crimson Fire (Angad) 3 and D Darling (Santosh K) 4. 2, 4-3/4 and 3/4. 1m, 13.86s. ₹18 (w), 11, 10 and 20 (p), SHP: 34, THP: 41, FP: 70, Q: 45, Trinella: 204 and 108, Exacta: 2,169 (carried over). Favourite: Silver Days Again.
Owner: Mrs. Sheela Natraj. Trainer: P.C. Tejaswi.

7. NYVELI PLATE (DIV. I), (1,200m), rated 00 to 25: **JERSEY LEGEND** (Ramandeep S) 1, Come Alive (B. Darshan) 2, N R I Level (Afsar Khan) 3 and So Far (Kiran Rai) 4. Not run: Armament. 3-3/4, 3-3/4 and 1/2. 1m, 15.66s. ₹17 (w), 13, 14 and 16 (p), SHP: 32, THP: 46, FP: 43, Q: 25, Trinella: 100 and 55, Exacta: 338 and 579. Favourite: Jersey Legend.
Owners: Mr. N. Ramesh & Mrs. S. Jagadamba. Trainer: S. Inayathulla.
Jackpot: ₹8,478 (29 tkts.); Runner-up: 1,368 (77 tkts.); Treble (i): 874 (carried over); (ii): 205 (22 tkts.).

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Ankith nets four as BFC wins big

P. Ankith scored four goals as Bengaluru FC hammered ADE FC 9-0 in the BDFA Super Division Football League on Friday.

The results: Sporting Club Bengaluru 4 (Amey Bhatkal 79, 89, 90+3, Allen Camper Lyngdoh 81) bt Bangalore Independents FC 2 (Raja Ganapathy 22, Mirzamri Abdullah Mtanga 72); BFC 9 (Monirul Molla 16, P. Ankith 18, 32, 42, 47, Kamalesh 23, Sudheer Kotikela 30, 90+2, Vivaan 77) bt ADE FC 0; FC Bengaluru United 5 (Lalramzauvfa Khiangte 65, Bedashwor Singh Laishram 76, 89, E.P. Arshal 85, Mohammed Kdouh 87) bt Friends United FC 0.

Vaidya stars in Maharashtra's win

D.P. Vaidya top-scored with an unbeaten 53 as Maharashtra defeated Karnataka by five wickets in the BCCI senior women's T20 Trophy in Surat.

The scores: Karnataka 137/5 in 20 overs (Shubha Satheesh 47, Prathyoosha Kumar 46) lost to Maharashtra 138/5 in 19.2 overs (M.R. Magre 30, D.P. Vaidya 53 n.o.).

Aadharsh hits ton as Secretary's XI takes lead

S.J. Aadharsh top-scored with 149 as Secretary's XI secured the first-innings lead against Mangalore in a drawn KSCA inter-zonal under-16 tournament match.

The scores: Bangalore City XI 272/8 in 90 overs (H.B. Gagandeep 46, Eesa Hakeem Puthige 34, Aakarsh Uktha Maiya 26, Arnavv Sharma 48, K.A. Tejas 29 n.o., Bhuvan Shivkumar Basidoni 3/55) & 75/3 in 19 overs drew with Vice President's XI 143 in 56.1 overs (Atharv Malviya 50, Raag Punja 43, Eesa Hakeem Puthige 5/44, Sankalp K. Teli 3/12).
Tumkur 318/6 in 90 overs (C. Thippesh 49, Naresh 34, A. Preetham 69, V. Sohan 115 n.o., Nigam S. Etagi 26, Dhruv Vasu 3/67) drew with Bangalore 190 in 58.5 overs (M. Dixit 45, M.N. Nishchal 35) & 85 for no loss in 21 overs (Arnav Mishra 52 n.o., M. Dixit 29 n.o.).
Mangalore Zone 160 in 50.2 overs (S. Gagan Rao 31, Achaman Sullia 38, Siddanth Amin 35 n.o., Akshath Prabhakar 4/32) & 116/7 in 39 overs (S. Gagan Rao 28, P.P. Jashwith Bopanna 28, Akshath Prabhakar 4/22) drew with Secretary's XI 392/9 in 90 overs (S.J. Aadharsh 149, R. Shiv 51, Vaasav Venkatesh 61, K.S. Mokhit 56, Siddanth Amin 3/64).
Combined City XI 193 in 85 overs (V. Srithan 39, Aryan Kundap 29, V.R. Nitesh Gowda 34, Samyak Vellalore 29, R. Himesh 5/31) & 193/5 in 65 overs (U.R.S. Aadesh 101 n.o.) drew with Mysore 162 in 48 overs (J. Yashas 49, Roshan Raju 30 n.o., V. Sriram 6/33).
Raichur 135 in 45 overs (Aniketh Reddy 32, Anikethan 3/1) & 195 in 56.4 overs (Aniketh Reddy 94, Sharavan Morkhandikar 47) drew with Shivamogga 75 in 39.4 overs (A. Amshu 29, Abhishek Kalshetty 5/20) & 126/5 in 34 overs (M. Tanmay 61 n.o., Deekshith N. Gara 33).
Dharwad 215 in 73.1 overs (Siddesh A. Asalkar 70, Ashutosh D. Hiremath 33, Manikanth Shivanand 57, Roshan Kumar 4/48) & 98/2 in 35 overs (Siddesh A. Asalkar 34 n.o., Ashutosh D. Hiremath 29 n.o.) drew with President's XI 300/8 in 90 overs (Krish Kumar Jha 26, Amogh R. Shetty 73, R.V. Rohit 62, A. Siddharth 56, Pratheek 40, Atharv Nooli 4/61).

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No. KEA/ED/ ADMN/CR-06 /2022-23 Date: 14-10-2022

POST GRADUATE COMMON ENTRANCE TEST – 2022

for Admission to 1st Year / 1st Semester
MBA / MCA /M.E. / M.Tech. / M.Arch Courses

1. Pursuant to the Government Order No. ED 17 TEC 2018, Bangalore dated 13-03-2018, applications are invited from the eligible interested Karnataka and non-Karnataka candidates for admission to 1st year / 1st Semester Full Time / Part Time MBA / MCA / M.E. / M. Tech. / M. Arch courses in the institutions affiliated Universities which will be notified by the Government of Karnataka for the year 2022-23. Candidates have to appear for the Post Graduate Common Entrance Test-2022 conducted by Karnataka Examinations Authority to become eligible for admission to these courses as per the provisions of the Karnataka Selection of Candidates for Admission to Master of Business Administration and Master of Computer Application courses Rules, 2005, Karnataka Selection of Candidates for Admission to Master of Engineering (ME) and Master of Technology (M.Tech) courses, Rules, 2005.
2. **GATE qualified candidates from only Engineering and Technology discipline are eligible to take admission to various M.Tech Programmes under VTU, Belgaum.** The candidates with valid GATE score should compulsorily enter application online to become eligible for admission to M.E. / M.Tech / M.Arch courses, **but they need not appear for PGCET-2022. SC/ST/OBC reservation eligibility criteria are applicable only to those who become eligible as Karnataka candidates.**
3. Non-Karnataka candidates are eligible to select ONLY the seats surrendered by the management if any, for admission to MBA / MCA Courses. Non-Karnataka candidates will not be eligible for reservation. **Hence, if they have scored the required minimum 50% or above, fixed for 'GENERAL Merit' as per the qualifying criteria, then only they are eligible to register for admissions through KEA or for any other seats in the State of Karnataka**. Please note that SC/ST/OBC eligibility criteria are applicable to Karnataka SC/ST/OBC candidates only.
4. In the qualifying examination, candidates should have obtained an aggregate minimum of 50% marks, 45% for SC/ST and Category-I of Karnataka candidates. If the qualifying marks assigned in terms of Grades i.e., CGPA / SGPA, ascertain the grade point awarded in the qualifying exam is equal or more than the required qualifying percentage of marks.
5. Information Bulletin-2022 detailing Academic Eligibility, Original Documents to be produced for verification and other admission eligibility criteria are hosted on the KEA Website for the information of the candidates. The candidates are advised to verify the eligibility criteria before applying to any of the courses.
6. Portal is enabled to register and apply online for PGCET-2022 from 15-10-2022; interested candidates have to register & pay the fees through online before 4:00 p.m. on 24-10-2022 and application can be submitted online upto 11:59 p.m. on 26-10-2022.
7. **Fee:** For each course, Rs. 650/- for General and OBC (Rs.500/- for SC / ST and Category-1 - of Karnataka candidates only).
8. The information / particulars entered by the candidates online for PGCET-2022 will be deemed as "Final" and will be the basis for further process. No change in any information entered by the candidates will be entertained.
9. **Time Table for Post Graduate Common Entrance Test-2022**

Date & Day	Course	For	Timings	Marks
Will be notified later	M.E. / M. Tech / M. Arch	**Type-A:** Courses offered by VTU, UVCE, UBDTCE.	2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	100
	MCA	Admission to 1st Year / 1st Semester	10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	100
	MBA	Admission to 1st Year / 1st Semester	2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	100

NOTE:

1. All the admissions and undergraduate Degrees to claim eligibility for admission to any of the PG courses are subject to approval of the Government / VTU / other respective Universities.
2. As per the letter from VTU, Belgaum dated 12-08-2014, to pursue M.Tech course on the basis of undergraduate programme from Aeronautical Society of India is ***NOT*** approved.
3. As per the letter from VTU, Belgaum dated 30-05-2014, who have acquired B.E. Degree through Distance Education Mode are ***NOT*** eligible for admission to M.Tech Courses.
4. Candidates who have passed the qualifying examination from Aeronautical Society of India and Associate Membership Examination of Institution of Electronics and Telecommunication (AMIET) will not be permitted to seek admission to M.Tech. as per VTU, Belgaum letter dated 14-05-2018.

For more details regarding eligibility conditions visit KEA Website **http://kea.kar.nic.in**

Sd/- (S. Ramya, I.A.S.)
Executive Director

DIPR/CP/RO2615/2022-23

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my clients Sri. K. Venkatesh and Smt. V. Babitha have entered into an agreement of sale dated 03.10.2022 with the owners of the property Viz., Sri. R. Sunder and Sri. M. Manjunath and anybody having any claim against the Schedule Property may send such claim along with authenticated documents to the undersigned address within **7 days** from the date of this publication and failing which, it will be taken as no claim by anybody to proceed with the purchase of the Schedule Property by my clients.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the Western portion of property bearing no.29/1, BTM 1st Stage, 1st Phase, 2nd Cross, Jai Bheemanagar, PID no.65-35-29/1, Measuring East to West 20 feet and North to South 30 feet, consisting of ground, first, second and third floor accommodation with RCC roofing with all civic amenities and bounded on the **East by:** Eastern Portion of property bearing No.29, measuring 20x30 feet belongs to Nagamma and her children; **West by:** Road; **North by:** Road and **South by:** Property bearing No.30.

C. Nagaraju, Advocate
No.19, 10th Cross, Cubbonpet,
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PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients Sri. GUTTULA CHAKRAVATHI S/o. Guttula Koteswara Rao and his wife Smt. BAINAPALEM JYOTHSNA DEVI have intend to purchase of the schedule property mentioned hereunder for a valuable consideration with its owner M/s. Shivam Builders and developers Represented by its Proprietor Sri. N. H. Bhaskar Reddy S/o. Late. N. H. P. Siva Reddy, having its office at No. 70, 2nd Main, 1st cross, HAL 2nd Stage, New Thippasandra, Indiranagar, Bangalore- 560 076.

If any persons having any claims, right, title and interest whatsoever over the schedule property may forward their objections to the undersigned in writing with supporting documents of your such claims, within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. Failing which it will be deemed that there are no claims, right, title and interest by anybody and my client will proceed for completion of sale transaction and thereafter no claims will be considered.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Residential property bearing Site No.55, Panchayath Khata No.1148/55, PID No. 150200102201801597 in Layout Known as "SPRING LUXARY VILLAS" vide approved Plan No. STRRPA/TP/LAO/32/2019-2020 dated 19-01-2021, formed in converted land bearing Sy.No.89/3, situated at Gudigattanahalli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk. Measuring East to West 15.24 Mtrs. and North to South 9.14 Mtrs. in all measuring 139.29 Square Mtrs. and bounded on: East by : Road, West by : Site No.66, North by : Site No. 56, South by : Site No. 54.

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S. No.	Post	No. of Posts	Classification	Level in the Pay matrix
1.	Technical Supervisor	1	Group "C" Non-Gazetted (Non-Ministerial)	Level - 5 (Rs.29200 - 92300/-)
2.	Technician	2	Group "C" Non-Gazetted (Non-Ministerial)	Level - 4 (Rs.25500 - 81100/-)

The details of eligibilities, educational qualifications, experience, age and terms & conditions, etc. along with Application Proforma may be accessed from website: **www.dirbcglab.gov.in**

Director, BCGVL, Guindy

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No. KPCL/2022-23/PS/WORK_INDENT 12563/CALL-4 Dated: 06.07.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenders are invited in two cover system through e-procurement portal for the work of **Providing & Installation of Two Nos. of refrigerant type Air dryer with Two Nos. MS vertical receiver tank with connected valve and compressor ducting system at Unit # 2 CHP compressor house at BTPS.** Total tender amount: **Rs. 26.84 Lakhs. EMD: Rs. 53,700/-.** Pre-bid meeting: **27.10.2022 from 11.00 Hrs.** Last date for submission of both Technical & Financial Bids: **28.10.2022 up to 16.00 Hrs.** Opening of Technical Bid: **29.10.2022 at 16.30 Hrs.** Tender documents may be downloaded from the GoK e-Procurement website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** Further details can be had from the office of the Executive Engineer(AHP)-1, BTPS, KPCL, Kudathini - 583 152, Bellary (Dist). Mobile No. +91 94482 90768.

Karnataka Public works Department.

Tumkur Division, Karnataka Telephone: 0816-2272479,
No;EE/KPWD/Tmk/JE.3/T.No.27/2022-23 Dt: 13.10.2022

Invitation For Tender (IFT) KW. 4
e-TENDER NOTIFICATION

On behalf of Government of Karnataka tenders are invited in Two cover system for Class-3 & above Contractors registered in PWD for 01 work under 5054- Appendix-E Head of accounts in the jurisidiction of Tumkur Division through e-procurement. The dates are published as below. (Amount Put to Tender Rs.118.05 Lakhs, Min EMD Amt Rs. 1,77,100/-) **1.** Last date for tender information enqueries : **27.10.2022** : 16.00. **2.** Last date for submission of tender.: **28.10.2022** : 16.00. **3.** Date of opening the Technical bid: **29.10.2022 : 16.30 4.** Date of opening the Financial bid: **02.11.2022 : 11.00.**

Note: Turnover Certificate without UDI Number will not be considered.

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Sd/- EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
PWD DIVISION, TUMKUR.

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Executive Engineer, Project Division,
Yelahanka Zone, Byatarayanapura, Bangalore-560092

No. BBMP/YNK/EE(Project)/TEND/15/2022-23 Dated : 12-10-2022

NOTICE INVITING TENDER (NIT) - SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICAITON
(Two Cover System) (Through E-Procurement only)

The Executive Engineer (Project Division), Yelahanka Zone BBMP invites tenders from eligible contractors registered in Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike / KPWD / CPWD / Railways / MES / National Highway or any State Govt. Organization for the construction of works detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Name of the projects	Estimation Cost (Rs. in Laksh)	EMD
1	Repair & Renovation of Namma Clinic at Ward No. 01, 02, 03, 04 & Ward No. 05	Rs. 11.65	Rs. 30,000/-
2	Repair & Renovation of Namma Clinic at Ward No. 06, 07, 08, 12, 13 & Ward No. 14	Rs. 8.59	Rs. 22,000/-

Time Schedule / Calendar of events : (1) Last date & time for Queries (through online & Manual) : **18-10-2022 upto 3.00 PM (2)** Last date & time for receipt of Tenders : **21-10-2022 upto 4.00 PM (3)** Opening of Financial bid : **25-10-2022 at 11.00 AM**

For details visit GOK e-procurement website **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Project Division, Yelahanka Zone, BBMP

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

WORKS BRANCH MADURAI DIVISION

TENDER NOTICE No. MDU-W-20-2022 Dated: 13.10.2022

e-tenders are invited for the following works by the Divisional Railway Manager / Works / Southern Railway / Madurai. Tender closing date for **Item No. 1 to 10 on 04.11.2022 at 14.00 hrs.**

Sl No.	Name of Work, App.Value, EMD, Period of Completion
1	1) SSE/W/Virudhunagar Section: Periodical brightening of Stations service buildings, platform shelter in TDN, TMQ, VPT, TY & SRT Stations and 2) SSE/W/Tirunelveli Section: Periodical brightening of Station buildings, service buildings, running rooms and staff quarters, Fencing & Painting of PF shelters, Name boards of all Stations between NLL-MEJ-TCN stations. **App. Value ₹ in lakhs: 139.12; EMD: ₹ 219600; Period of Completion: 3 months**
2	Assistant Divisional Engineer / Tirunelveli Sub Division:- Repair works including Painting, and lettering of gradient posts, KM/HM posts, Curve boards, Boundary pillars / marks, Fouling mark, Painting of rails, Boxing of ballast, Greasing, Clearing of Debris & Thorny bushes and vegetations, repairs to ballast retaining wall etc alongside the track in between Stations Nalli-Vanchi Maniyachchi - Tirunelveli - Tiruchendur in Senior Section Engineer / Permanent way / Tuticorin, Tirunelveli & Srivaikuntam Sections. **App. Value ₹ in lakhs: 169.46; EMD: ₹ 234700; Period of Completion: 3 months**
3	Senior Section Engineer / Permanent way / Virudhunagar Section:- Repair works including Painting, and lettering of gradient posts, KM/HM posts, Curve Plates, Boundary pillars / marks & Fouling mark, repairs & cleaning of side drains, Painting of rails, Boxing of ballast, Greasing, Repairs to Sanded Dead end, Cleaning of Debris & Thorny bushes and vegetations etc alongside the track in between Stations Virudhunagar - Nalli. **App. Value ₹ in lakhs: 68.83; EMD: ₹ 137700; Period of Completion: 2 months**
4	Repairs to Station and colony approach roads and provision of side drain at VPT Station, Repairing of Circulating area and colony approach road at TEN Station and at CVP Station. **App. Value ₹ in lakhs: 181.52; EMD: ₹ 240800; Period of Completion: 3 months**
5	Virudhunagar : Special repairs and brightening up of Staff Quarters in Virudhunagar colony. **App. Value ₹ in lakhs: 197.77; EMD: ₹ 248900; Period of Completion: 3 months**
6	Manamadurai - Rameswaram Section: Standardization of formation between Km: - 644.420 - 646.300, 646.900 - 648.200 & 654.200 - 654.800 duly providing with Cement concrete toe wall & stone pitching between Stations Uchippuli & Pamban Block in Senior Section Engineer / Permanent way / Mandapam Section. **App. Value ₹ in lakhs: 77.35; EMD: ₹ 154700; Period of Completion: 6 months**
7	Madurai Jn.-Provision of carriage water hydrant line as per RDSO type plan HA 10601 with covered drainage facility for PF 6. **App. Value ₹ in lakhs: 28.53; EMD: ₹ 57100; Period of Completion: 4 months**
8	Provision of PF Shelter to fulfill the Shortfall in MEA at 8 Stations. (Vaiyampatti, Chettiyapatti, Kurumbur, Vadippatti, Tiruppachetti, Panangudi, Melakkonnakkulam & New Aryankavu). **App. Value ₹ in lakhs: 114.15; EMD: ₹ 207100; Period of Completion: 4 months**
9	Zonal piece works contract - Zone C6 Punalur P.way Section for the period from 01.07.2022 to 30.06.2023. **App. Value ₹ in lakhs: 89.84; EMD: ₹ 179700; Period of Completion: 12 months**
10	Divisional Engineer / North / Madurai Jurisdiction - Development of parking (5 Stations - Paramakkudi, Rameswaram, Manaparai, Udumalaippettai & Kodaikanal Road) / circulating area (4 Station - Devakottai Road, Tirumaiyam, Manaparai & Kodaikanal road) & approach road (2 Stations - Pamban & Manaparai). Paramakkudi - Granite flooring at concourse and PF area. **App. Value ₹ in lakhs 156.58; EMD: ₹ 228300; Period of Completion: 10 months**

(Items 10 only)

Further details are available in detail on website **https://www.ireps.gov.in.** The tenderer(s) / Contractor(s) to apply for e-tender for works in Madurai Division, need to get enrolled in the e-tender portal **www.ireps.gov.in** and only online tenders will be accepted. It is the responsibility of the tenderer to check any Corrigendum issued for any correction or modifications uploaded subsequently in the website, the same shall be taken into account while submitting Tender.

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No.KB/General-1/302/2022-23 Date:14-10-2022

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTICE (Through e-procurement portal)

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This is to inform you that construction of Residential Development Apartment Located at Sy No.60/1, Kodathi Village Varthur Hobli ,Bengalore East Taluk Bangalore District has been accorded Environment Clearance Certificate from the Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change, Govt of india Vide Order No.SEIAA 83 CON 2022 Dated 28/07/2022. Copies of the Clearance Certificate are available with Karnataka State Pollution Control Board and can also be seen on the website of the Environment Forest and Climate Change at.http://seiaa.Kar.nic.in.

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ವಾರಾಹಿ ಯೋಜನಾ ವಿಭಾಗದ ಕಾರ್ಯ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಡಿ ಬರುವ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ವೇದಿಕೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದು ವಿವರಗಳು ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

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ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್, ಕನೀನಿನಿ, ವಾರಾಹಿ ಯೋಜನಾ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಸಿದ್ದಾಪುರ ಉಡುಪಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ

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Office of the Executive Engineer (RRN),
Lakes Division, Room No.308, 3rd Floor,
New Building, BBMP, N.R. Square, Bengaluru - 560002.

No: EE-RRNagar/Lakes/Tend-05/2022-23 Date: 14-10-2022

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) - (SHORT TERM)
(Two Cover Tender) (Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)

Tenders on item rate basis are invited by the Executive Engineer (RRN), Lakes Division, BBMP for the works mentioned below from the registered Contractors of BBMP or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES or any State Government Organizations.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Estimated Amount of Work (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD Amount (Rs. in Lakhs)
1	**Package-9: 1)** Emergency Works at Handrahalli Lake. **2)** Strengthening of Wetland Bund, Silt Trap Construction and Other Works at Ullala Lake. **3)** Providing Chain Link Fencing, Pathway Improvements and Other Works in Dubasipalya Lake. **4)** Developmental Works at Gandhinagara Hosa Kere Lake. **5)** Developmental Works at Lingaderanahalli-13 Lake.	1580.00	1580000.00
2	**Providing PMC for Package-9: 1)** Emergency Works at Handrahalli Lake. **2)** Strengthening of Wetland Bund, Silt Trap Construction and Other Works at Ullala Lake. **3)** Providing Chain Link Fencing, Pathway Improvements and Other Works in Dubasipalya Lake. **4)** Developmental Works at Gandhinagara Hosa Kere Lake. **5)** Developmental Works at Lingaderanahalli-13 Lake.	1580.00	50000.00

Calendar of Events: 1) Bid Documents can be downloaded from GOK e-Procurement Portal Website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in from 21-10-2022. 2)** Pre Bid Meeting will be held on **28-10-2022 at 15.00 Hrs. at the Office of the Executive Engineer (South), Lakes, BBMP. 3)** Tenders must be Submitted online through e-Procurement Portal **on or before 05-11-2022 upto 16.00 Hrs. 4)** Technical Bids will be Opened on **07-11-2022 at 16.30 Hrs. in the Office of the Executive Engineer (South), Lakes, BBMP.** Further details can be had from the above office.

Sd/- Executive Engineer (RRN), Lakes, BBMP.

PAY DEVELOPMENT CHARGES, HELP TO DEVELOP BENGALURU

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Office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL.NRBC.Divn.No.6, Chikkahonnakuni,
Tq: Devadurga.Dist:Raichur-584 111. KARNATAKA

No. KBJNL/NRBC/D-6/PB-2//TND/Call-3/2022-23/ 485 DATED: 12-10-2022

SHORTTERM TENDER NOTIFICATION CALL-3

(ONLY THROUGH ELECTRONIC TENDER SYSTEM)

Ref: 1) T.O.Tender Notification for Call-2 No.68, Dated: 16-05-2022.

On behalf of the Managing Director, KBJNL, Bengaluru, the Executive Engineer KBJNL, NRBC, Division No.6, Chikkahonnakuni Tq: Devadurga, Dist: Raichur was invited on percentage/turnkey basis for AWP works in Two cover system from Registered Contractors of KPWD for works 2021-22 continued for 2022-23 vide above references. After receipt of these tenders, there is technical problem arisen durin evaluation. Hence these tenders may be recalled in Call-3. (The blank tenders can be obtained through website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in and submitted through electronic tender box).

Total - 2 Nos. of Consultancy works having minimum Amount of Rs.70.98Lakh to maximum Amount of Rs.294.21Lakh, of Work Indent Nos: 16318/Call--3 & 20411/Call--3 The details of events for the above works as per the notification is mentioned as below:-1)The Contractors can have access to e-tendering documents from 17/10/2022 onwards. 2)Pre-Bid meeting / Clarification for Queries will be held in Division office on 19/10/2022 @ 11.00 AM. 3)Last Date of Receipt of the above Tenders will be 28/10/2022 up to 4.00 PM. 4)Technical Bid for Two covers will be opened in the office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL, Division No.6, Chikkahonakuni on 29/10/2022 @ 5.00 PM onwards. 5)Financial Bid for Two covers (only selected in Technical Bid) will be opened in the above office as soon as approval of Technical Bid. For any clarification regarding the tenders please Contact htt://eproc.karnataka.gov.in or office of the under signed during office hours on working days.

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Sd/- Executive Engineer,
KBJNL, NRBC, Division No.6,
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Public are hereby notified that one of our clients proposes to purchase the property described in the Schedule herein from **MR. PARAMESHWARAPPA H**, Residing at Non 93 Tapasvi, 4th cross, Dollars Colony Shimoga, Karnataka-577204 which he had purchased vide Sale Deed dated 14/08/2014, registered as Document No. 03843/2014-15 in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Basavanagudi (Attibele), Anekal Taluk, Bangalore.

Persons objecting for the proposed purchase or having any rights in the below mentioned property may lodge their objections and/or claims with the undersigned along with the supporting documentary evidence within 7 days from the date of this publication. Claim received thereafter will not be binding on our client and client will proceed to purchase the below mentioned property as if there are no claims/objections.

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Adv. Anupam Agarwal
Ramniwas Surajmal
(Advocates & Solicitors)
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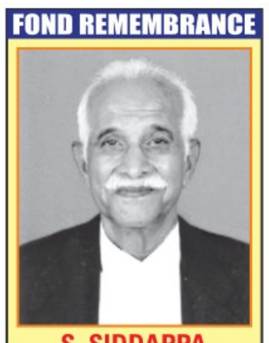

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I, JAITHUNNISA, R/o No.42, 2nd Main Road, Bapujinagar, Bengaluru-560026 have changed my name to Zaithunnisa vide affidavit dt: 14.10.2022 sworn before Notary R.Basavaraja, B'lore.

I, S.SUMATHI W/o No.01369621Y Rank: Naik Name: C.Jayaraman, resident of No.12, Harsha Layout, Subbanna Palaya, Bengaluru-560033 have changed my name from S.Sumathi to Sumathi.J vide affidavit dated 14-10-2022 before Notary A.R.Muneer Ahmed, B'luru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Service No.1375965N,** Rank: TS/NK, **Name: BALA KUMAR .J,** r/at 6/29, Nehru Street, Venkateshpuram, Arabic College Post, Bangalore-560045, stating that my Spouse Name and Date of Birth was recorded in my service documents erroneously as **D. KANIKYA MARY** and DOB: 07-09-1965 instead of **D. KANIKA MARY** and DOB 07-09-1971, I request concern Authorities please change my spouse Name **D. KANIKA MARY** and DOB 07-09-1971, vide affidavit dated 13-10-2022, sworn before Advocate and Notary **L. Gopalakrishna** at Bangalore.

LEGAL NOTICE

BEFORE THE MOTOR ACCIDENT CLAIMS TRIBUNAL (SPL. SUB COURT) Tirunelveli
M.C.O.P.NO. 271/2022

Srinivasaraghavan - Petitioner
/VS/
T.K. Sivagami,
W/o.Kannappan, D.No.8,
S.S.S. Building, 1st Main
A.V. Road, Chanarjpet,
Bangalore, Karnataka State.

NOTICE

The petitioner has filed the said claim petition for his injury to motor accident on 29.04.2007. The said case is posted on **21.11.2022** for the 1st Respondent appearance at 10.00 A.M. Before the above said the Hon'ble Court and for the 1st Respondent objection if any, failing which the above said claim will be decided for this 1st Respondent absence.

ARASU. PRABHAKARAN B.A., B.L.,
Advocate, Tirunelveli

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, NAKUL KRISHNA MOHAN residing at 325D 1st floor 17th cross loop road, Ideal homes township, Rajarajeshwarinagar Bangalore 560098 Karnataka, India, have changed my name from NAKUL K MOHAN to NAKUL KRISHNA MOHAN before S. R. Thulasikrishna, Advocate and Notary, Bengaluru vide affidavit dated 14–10–2022.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE XIII ADDL. CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BANGALORE (CCH-22)
O.S. No.25711/2020
Hg: 03/11/2022

BETWEEN :
ICICI Bank Limited
having its Registered Office at ICICI Tower, Near Chakli Circle, Old Padra Road, Vadodara- 390007 And its Branch Office at Mythri Centre, No. 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068 Represented by its Authorized Signatory
Mr. Pramodh. G ...Plaintiff
AND
Leelavathi. S ...Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

To,
Leelavathi. S
Aged about 29 years,
W/D/o : Shivalingaiah
R/a : 5095, Sobha Forest View, 9th Floor,
Vajarahalli Road, Hosahalli, Bangalore- 560062

Whereas the Plaintiff has instituted the above proceedings against you seeking recovery of Rs.6,98,844.82/- (as on 07/01/2020) along with interest at 24% p.a and other consequential reliefs. You are hereby summoned to appear before the XIII Addl. City Civil & Session Judge, Mayo Hall Unit, Bangalore [CCH-22] in person or by a pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to the above proceeding on 03/11/2022 at 11:00 A.M. Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day mentioned before, the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.

Give under my hand and the seal of this court, this the 23rd day of September, 2022.

Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Court, Mayo Hall Unit, Bangalore

Advocate for Plaintiff
Shiva & Co. Advocates,
No. 109, Commerce House, 9/1, Cunningham Road, Bangalore- 560052

IN THE COURT OF THE LXXIII ADDL. CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BANGALORE (CCH-74)
O.S. No. 25259/2022
Hg: 21/11/2022

BETWEEN
ICICI Bank Limited
having its Registered Office at ICICI Tower, Near Chakli Circle, Old Padra Road, Vadodara- 390 007 And its Branch Office at Mythri Centre, No. 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560 068 Represented by its Authorized Signatory
Mr. Pramodh G ...Plaintiff
AND
Rajeshwari N ...Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

To,
Rajeshwari N
Aged about 35 years,
D/o : Nanjundaiah
R/a : #48A, 4th Cross, Javarayyanadoddi,
RR Nagar, Near Ashwini School, Bangalore- 560098

Whereas the Plaintiff has instituted the above proceedings against you seeking recovery of Rs.5,80,383.34/- (as on 10/11/2021) along with interest at 24% p.a and other consequential reliefs. You are hereby summoned to appear before the LXXIII Addl. City Civil & Session Judge, Mayo Hall Unit, Bangalore [CCH-74] in person or by a pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to the above proceeding on the 21st November 2022 at 11:00 A.M. Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day mentioned before, the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this court, this the 10th day of October, 2022.

Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Court, Mayo Hall Unit, Bangalore

Advocate for Plaintiff
Shiva & Co. Advocates,
No. 109, Commerce House, 9/1, Cunningham Road, Bangalore- 560 052

IN THE COURT OF THE LXXIII ADDL. CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BANGALORE (CCH-74)
O.S. No. 25741/2021
Hg: 21/11/2022

BETWEEN
ICICI Bank Limited
having its Registered Office at Land Mark, Race course circle, Vadodara- 390007 And its Branch Office at Mythri Centre, No. #4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560 068 ...Plaintiff
AND
Anand R ...Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

To,
Anand R
Aged about 49 years,
S/o : Raghavendra Rao,
R/a : #55, Ground Floor, 3rd cross, 1st main, Vyalikaval, Malleshwaram, Bangalore-560 003

Whereas the Plaintiff has instituted the above proceedings against you seeking recovery of Rs.5,13,312.85/- (as on 08/03/2021) along with interest at 24% p.a. and other consequential reliefs. You are hereby summoned to appear before the 73rd Addl. City Civil & Session Judge, Mayo Hall Unit, Bangalore [CCH-74] in person or by a pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to the above proceeding on the 21st November 2022 at 11:00 A.M. take notice that in default of your appearance on the day mentioned before, the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.

Give under my hand and the seal of this court, this the 10th day of October, 2022.

Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Court, Mayo Hall Unit, Bangalore

Advocate for Plaintiff
Shiva & Co. Advocates,
No. 109, Commerce House, 9/1, Cunningham Road, Bangalore- 560 052

Public Notice

It is hereby notified to the general public that my client intends to purchase the agricultural lands shown in the schedule hereunder from its present owner **Sri. A V Balakrishane Gowda.** In case anybody have any sort of legitimate claim/objection in respect of the schedule properties may approach the address mentioned herein below with in a period of 10 days from today and if no such claim or objection received within the said period my client would proceed with the sale transaction in respect of the schedule properties considering no objection from anybody.

SCHEDULE PROPERTIES

ITEM NO. 1: The Agricultural Land in Sy.No. 80/2 measuring 0-27 guntas; Bounded on **East by:**The land in Sy.No. 81, **West by :**Land belong to S.G. Narayana Shastri. **North by :** Land belong to Kempaiah Shetty.**South by :** Land belong to Gangappa.

ITEM NO. 2 : The Agricultural Land in Sy.No. 81 measuring 0-34 guntas Bounded on **East by:** Land in Sy. No. 85, **West by :** Land in Sy.No. 80/2, **North by :** Land belong to Kempaiah Shetty, **South by :** Land in Sy.No.86.

ITEM NO. 3 : The Agricultural Land in Sy.No. 85 measuring 0-07 guntas Bounded on **East by :**Land in Sy.No. 80, **West by :** Land in Sy.No. 86, **North by :** Land in Sy.No. 81,**South by :** Land in Sy.No.82

ITEM NO. 4 : The Agricultural Land in Sy.No. 86 measuring 2 acres 0-37guntas including 0.04 guntas of kharab; Bounded on **East by ;**Road, **West by :** Land in Sy.No. 82, **North by :** Land in Sy.No.85, **South by** :Road

Above 1 to 4 Items of Land totally measuring 4 Acres 25 guntas including 4 guntas of kharab situated at solur village, solurhobli Magadi taluk Ramnagar district.

Address for contact
H R MANJUNATH, BA,LLB, **Advocate,**
No. 186/8,1st floor, Abhishek complex , Sirur park road
Sheshadripuram, Bangalore - 560020
Ph. 9845763923

Bangalore
Date: 15-10-2022

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
Public Works Department
Executive Engineer PWD Division Chikkodi

No/PWD/CKD DIV/AE-2/TENDER/2022-23/4417 DATE: 13/10/2022

Short Term E-Tender Notification

Executive Engineer PWD Division Chikkodi has invited item wise short term e-Tenders from Eligible registered contractors for the works coming under the jurisdiction of Chikodi PWD Division 2 works under head of account 3054-SH Maintenance (Flood), 1 work under head of account 3054-MDR Maintenance (Flood), 4 works under head of account 3054-MDR Bridge Maintenance & 1 work under head of account 4216-Judicial Officers Quarters Buildings, Totally 8 No. of works. Amount put to tender is Minimum of Rs. 16.95 and Maximum of Rs. 235.21 Lakhs.
Calendar of events :
1)Pre-bid meeting date: 19-10-2022 at 11.00 AM, at The O/o the under signed. 2) Last date for queries & clarifications : 21-10-2022 up to 5.30 PM 3) Last Date of Receipt of Bids : 25-10-2022 up to 5.00 PM 4) Date of opening of Financial bids (Single Cover System): 27-10-2022 at 4.30 PM 5)Date of opening of Technical bids (Two Cover System): 27-10-2022 at 4.30 PM 6)Date of opening of Financial bids (Two Cover System): "after approval of Technical bids"

For more information & forms of tender can be downloaded from www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in & departmental web site www.kpwd.gov.in. Further details can be collected from O/o Executive Engineer Public Works Dept.,Division Chikkodi during working hours.

Sd/-Executive Engineer
PW Dept., Division Chikkodi.

DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-1017/MCA/2022-23

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer (Elec.),
South Zone, Jayanagar, BBMP, Bengaluru.

No:BBMP/EE/ELE/SOUTH/TEND/10/2022-23 Date: 13-10-2022

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) - (SHORT TERM)
(Two Cover System) (Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)

The Executive Engineer (Elec.), South Zone, BBMP, invitesTenders in accordance with KTPP Rules 2000, from eligible Contractors registered in BBMP / KPWD/ CPWD / Railways / MES / National Highway or any Other equivalent Central / State Government Organizations for Electrical works detailed below. **(Standard Tender Document - KW-4)**

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Estimated Amount (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (Rs. in Lakhs)
1	Comprehensive Development by Providing Park Lightings, Street Light Fitting, Poles, Switches & CC Cameras in Ward No. **161, 181, 182, 183, 165, 166, 167 & 180** in Padmanabhanagar Assembly Constituency **(Package-3). (2nd Call)**	**1000.00**	**Rs. 4.00 Lakhs** through Online Payment & **Rs. 11.00 Lakhs** Through Bank Guarantee

Calendar of Events: 1) Tender Documents may be downloaded from the GOK e-Procurement Portal Website: **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in from 15-10-2022. 2)** Pre Bid Meeting will be held on **19-10-2022 at 11.30 Hrs. in the Office of the SE (Elec.) Ofiice, BBMP Head Office, Bengaluru. 3)** Bids must be Submitted online through the e-Procurement Portal **on or before 27-10-2022 by 16.00 Hrs. 4)** Technical Bids will be Opened on **29-10-2022 at 17.30 Hrs. 5)** Financial Bids will be Opened on **31-10-2022 at 16.00 Hrs.** Further details can be had from the above office.

Sd/- Executive Engineer (Elec.), South Zone, BBMP.

PAY DEVELOPMENT CHARGES, HELP TO DEVELOP BENGALURU

KARNATAKA GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT
FINANCE DEPARTMENT VIDHANA SOUDHA, Bangalore

No. FD 03 BMB 2022 **Date: 14-10-2022**

PRESS COMMUNIQUE

It is notified for general information that the outstanding balance of **8.31% Karnataka SDL 2022** issued in terms of the Government of **Karnataka,** Finance Department Notification No. FD 01 BMB 2018 dated **November 09, 2018** will be repaid at par on **November 14, 2022** with interest due up to and including **November 13, 2022.** In the event of a holiday being declared on the aforesaid date by any State Government under the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881, the loan will be repaid by the paying offices in that State on the previous working day. **No interest will accure on the loan from and after November 14, 2022.**

2. As per sub-regulation 24(2) and 24(3) of Government Securities Regulations, 2007 payment of maturity proceeds to the registered holder of Government Security held in the form of Subsidiary General Ledger or Constituent Subsidiary General Ledger account or Stock Certificate shall be made by a pay order incorporating the relevant particulars of his bank account or by credit to the account of the holder in any bank having facility of receipt of funds through electronic means. For the purpose of making payment in respect of the securities, the original subscriber or the subsequent holders of such a Government Securities, as the case may be, shall submit to the Bank or Treasury and Sub-Treasury or branch of State Bank of India, where they are enfaced/registered for payment of interest, as the case my be, the relevant particulars of their bank account.

3. However, in the absence of relevant particulars of bank account / mandate for receipt of funds through electronic means, to faciliate repayment on the due date, holders of **8.31% Karnataka SDL 2022** should tender their securities at the Public Debt Office, 20 days in advance. The securities should be tendered for repayment, duly discharged on the reverse there of as under:

"Received the Principal due on the Certificate"

4. It should be particulary noted that at places where the treasury work is done by a branch of the State Bank of India, the securities, if they are in the form of Stock Certificates, should be tendered at the branch of the bank concerned and not at the Treasury or Sub-Treasury.

5. Holders who wish to recieve payment at places other than those where the securities have been enfaced for payment should send them duly discharged to the Public Debt Office concerned by Registered and Insured Post. The Public Debt Office will make payment by issuing a draft payable at any Treasury/Sub-Treasury or branch of State Bank of India conducting Government Treasury work in the State of **Karnataka.**

Sd/-
Additional Chief Secretary to Government
Finance Department

DIPR/FD/2601/2022-23

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
Bidar District, Bidar-585401, Telephone No: 08482-229332, Fax No: 08482-225262
E-Mail: itstaff_dudc_bidar@yahoo.com

No: DUDC/NAG-4/Tender/CR-39/2022-23 Dated: 13-10-2022

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

1) Name of work: 1) Basavakalyan CMC (DMA/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT 133296 (Call-2)) under Amrut Nagarothana Phase-4, 2) Estimated cost: As per e-portal, 3) Eligibility of Agency / Consultant: As per e-portal, 4) EMD amount: As per e-portal, 5) Pre bid meeting date: 31-10-2022 at 11.00 AM, 6) Last date for submission of tender: 03-11-2022 upto 04.30 PM, 7) Technical bid opening: 04-11-2022 at 05.00 PM, 8) Address for communication: Executive Engineer DUDC Bidar, DC Office Bidar, Pin code 585401, Email : itstaff_dudc_bidar@yahoo.com, 08482-229332, 9) Website: www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- Executive Engineer
DUDC Bidar

DIPR/Bidar/283/MC&A/2022-23

CENTRAL POWER RESEARCH INSTITUTE
(A Govt. of India Society, Ministry of Power)
Post Box No.8066, Prof. Sir. C.V.Raman Road
Sadashivanagar Post Office, Bangalore - 560 080.

ADVERTISEMENT NO. CPRI / 11 / 2022 RECRUITMENT

Central Power Research Institute (CPRI) was set up in 1960 by the Government of India. It functions as a centre for applied research in electrical power engineering, assisting the electrical industry in product development and quality assurance. CPRI invites application for the following posts :

Sl. No.	Name of the Post	No. of Posts	Level & Pay in 7th CPC Pay Matrix
1	**Engineering Officer Grade 1 #** (UR-8, EWS-2, SC-3, ST-1, OBC(NCL)-6)	20	Level – 7 Rs. 44,900/-
2	**Scientific / Engineering Assistant ##** (UR – 6 , EWS-1)	7	Level – 6 Rs. 35,400/-
3	**Technician Grade 1** (UR – 8, EWS-1, OBC(NCL) – 6)	15	Level – 2 Rs. 19,900/-
4	**Assistant Grade II** (UR-7, EWS-1, SC-3, OBC(NCL)-5) (Including 2 posts reserved for PWD-OH)	16	Level – 4 Rs. 25,500/-
5	**MTS Grade 1 (Watchman) Reserved for Ex-servicemen** (UR – 4, ST-1,OBC(NCL)-1, EWS-1)	7	Level – 1 Rs. 18,000/-

Branch-wise vacancy:

Sl.No.1 : Electrical Engg. - 12, Electronics & Communication Engg. - 2, Mechanical Engg. - 5, Civil Engg. - 1.

Sl.No.2 : Chemistry - 3, Electrical -2, Civil - 1, Mechanical - 1.

UR-Unreserved, **OBC(NCL)**-Other Backward Class (Non-Creamy Layer), **ST**-Scheduled Tribes, **SC**-Scheduled Caste, **EWS**- Economically Weaker Sections, **PWD-OH** -Persons with Benchmark Disabilities-Orthopedically Handicapped.

Note: The number of vacancies are tentative & provisional and may vary depending upon requirement.

The Candidates interested to apply for the above post are advised to visit CPRI website **https://cpri.res.in/** at Career page for further details regarding eligibility criteria, educational qualification, experience and for submission of online application etc. The online application format will be hosted in the CPRI web-site from **10 AM on 01.11.2022** to **5 PM on 21.11.2022**. Candidates wishing to apply for more than one post shall apply separately for each post.

Chief Administrative Officer

ON-LINE APPLICATIONS COMPLETED IN ALL RESPECT ONLY WILL BE CONSIDERED

Government Of Karnataka
Deputy Commissioner Office, Koppal
District Urban Development Cell District: Koppal
State: Karnataka Office Ph : 08539-221895 Fax No : 08539-221235 **e-mail : itstaff_dudc_koppal@yahoo.com**

Ref. No: 83179/(KOP-DC-11/57/2022-PD(DUDC)_KOPDC-KOPPAL DC) Date: 10-10-2022

SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
E-Procurement

The Executive Engineer, Koppal District, Koppal invites tenders from Class–I Contractors who are eligible for, Chief Ministers Amruth Nagarothana (Municipality) Phase-4 Scheme in CMC Koppal and Gangavati Urban Local Bodies limit in Koppal District of Karnataka State as per Price Schedule listed in E-Procurement Portal **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**.

Brief Description: 1.CMC Koppal Indent No: DMA/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT133055(Call-2). **Approximate value of work (Rs. In Lakhs):** 1837.70. **EMD (in Lakhs):** 18.38 **Period of Completion (Months):** 18

Brief Description: 2.CMC Gangavati Indent No: DMA/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT133204(Call-2). **Approximate value of work (Rs. In Lakhs):** 1974.46. **EMD (in Lakhs):** 19.45. **Period of Completion (Months):** 18

1.Available of Tender Forms (Through Online): **11-10-2022 10:00AM Onwards.** 2.Date of Pre-Bid Meeting: **17-10-2022 Morning 11:30am.** 3.Last Date for Quaries: **17-10-2022 Evening 5:30pm.** 4.Last Date for Submission of Tender: **27-10-2022 Evening 5:30pm.** 5.Date of opening Tenders **(Technical Bid): 31-10-2022 Morning 10:00 am.**

Sd/-Executive Engineer, DUDC, Koppal District
DIPR/Koppal/373/MCA/2022-23

BANGALORE MEDICAL COLLEGE & RESEARCH INSTITUTE
(An Autonomous Institute of Govt. of Karnataka)
Office of the Director cum Dean, Fort, K.R. Road,
Bengaluru - 560002. Telephone: 080-26700810, Tele Fax: 080-26704342
E-mail: director_bmcri@yahoo.co.in

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

E-tender are invited for the below mentioned Purchase at Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute, Bengaluru.

1	E-Tenders are invited for the Establishment of Modular OT with Laminar Airflow in the Dept. of ENT, BMCRI, Bengaluru.	Tender No. BMCRI/ Sup(2)/08/2022-23, Dated: 13.10.2022
2	E-Tenders are invited for the Printing of X-ray on Thick Color Paper (CT MRI and X-ray) in the Radiology Department, BMCRI, Bengaluru.	Tender No. BMCRI/ Sup(2)/09/2022-23, Dated: 13.10.2022
3	E-Tenders are invited for the Purchase of Medical Equipments to Microbiology Department, BMCRI, Bengaluru under National Program on Surveillance of Viral Hepatitis (NPSVH).	Tender No. BMCRI/ Sup(2)/10/2022-23, Dated: 13.10.2022
4	E-Tenders are invited for the Purchase of Microscope to Sri Satya Sai Vaishnavi Lions Eye Care Centre, Bengaluru under MLA funds.	Tender No. BMCRI/ Sup(2)/11/2022-23, Dated: 13.10.2022

1) Commencement date for Uploading of Tenders: **14-10-2022. 2)** Pre Bid Meeting: **20-10-2022 at 11.30 AM. 3)** Last Date for Uploading the Tenders: **29-10-2022 before 4.30 PM. 4)** Date of Opening of Tenders: **31-10-2022 at 11.30 AM.**

Tender details, EMD details and other related details can be viewed, downloaded and applied only through the e-Procurement mode only. Website: **https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** Interested tenderers have to register in the e-Procurement portal, details of which can be viewed in the said website.

For further details contact **Director cum Dean, Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute,** Bengaluru.

Sd/- Director cum Dean,
BMCRI, Bengaluru.

DIPR/CP/2604/Adverto/2022-23

BRIHANMUMBAI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
NO.CHE/ 7822 / Bridges, Dated 14/10/2022
Bid No. 7200037432
Notice of Intimation to E-TENDER/ E-TENDER NOTICE

Subject: Construction of 45m wide Elevated Road from Link Road at Dahisar (West) in BMC limit to Bhayander (West) in MBMC limit (Coastal Road Last Leg).

1. The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) invites e-tender to appoint Contractor for the above mentioned work from contractors of repute, multidisciplinary engineering organizations i.e. eminent firm, Private Limited Companies / Public Limited Companies / Companies registered under the Companies Act 2013, the contractors registered with the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) in Class 1 (A) and above as per new registration and equivalent category as per old registration (Excluding those should not have, in last two years as on date of tender submission been debarred / blacklisted or FIR registered against) or those having equal or more work experience from Central or State Government/Semi Govt. Organization/ Urban Local Bodies / Central or State Public Sector Undertakings, will be allowed subject to condition that, the contractors/ sub-contractors who are not registered with BMC will have to apply for registering their firm within three months' time period from the award of contract, otherwise their Bid Security i.e. E.M.D (Earnest Money Deposit) will be forfeited / recovered and a penalty of 0.1% of contract cost or Rs. 10,000/- whichever is more will be recovered / deducted from the contractor's payment / bill by the executing department. The contractor, who fails to get registered with BMC in Civil / Mechanical and Electrical disciplines, shall not be considered for BMC work in future in that discipline. The assessment of actual costs for designing, engineering, procurement and construction of the Project (the "Project Cost") inclusive of all taxes, duties, GST will have to be made by the Tenderers at this E-TENDER stage.
2. Prior to making an Application, the Applicant ("the tenderer") shall pay online through payment gateway from e-wallet to the Employer a non-refundable sum of INR.10,400+18% GST as the cost of the E-TENDER Documents and process downloading. The Employer shall not entertain any query or clarification from Applicants who fail to qualify.
3. The scope of work will broadly include earth improvement in intertidal zones, construction of suitable protection works, road building with construction of new pavement, construction of bridges, obligatory span bridge, culverts, road intersections, interchanges, drains, etc. with all allied works (wherever applicable) as per the alignment suggested by BMC from time to time. The successful bidder will be responsible for obtaining all required NOCs from various government authorities such as but not limited to MCZMA, MMB, MMRDA, MBMC, Salt Pan Commissioner, Forest clearance from Forest Department/ MoEF & CC etc. BMC authorities will assist only for the applications as and when required.

SN	Particulars	Schedule
1	Request for Proposal for Design & Built the Mumbai Link Road Project from Dahisar (West) to Bhayander (West)	**45-meter-wide roads and bridges**
2	Tender Security Amount (EMD) (Refundable)	1. Rs.2,50,00,000/- through Online Gateway. 2. Rs.22,50,00,000/- In the form of Bank Guarantee from Approved List of Banks by BMC.
3	Cost of Tender (Tender Fee) (Non-Refundable)	Rs. 10,400 + 18% GST
4	Contract Period	42 months (Inclusive of monsoon)
5	Sale of E-Tender starts from	From 17/10/2022 16:00 hrs. onwards
6	Pre-Bid conference	At 03/11/2022 14:00 hrs.
7	Venue of Pre-Bid conference	Office of the Additional Municipal Commissioner (Project), 2nd floor Conference Hall, Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation Head Office Annex Building, Mahapalika Marg Mumbai-400 001, Maharashtra, India. Phone :+91-022-24919252, Fax:+91-022-24919262
8	Clarifications of queries: The interested tenderers have to download E-Tender documents and raise all the queries including technical, design etc. by e-mail to the Engineer within stipulated time. Email Id: **che.br@mcgm.gov.in**	Up to 11:00 hrs. on 03/11/2022
9	Last Date & Time of e-Tender Sale	Up to 16:00 hrs. on 18/11/2022
10	Date & Time of uploading document in e- Packet 'A', and Technical submission in e- Packet 'B'	Up to 18:00 hrs. on 18/11/2022
11	End Date & Time of entire submission uploading with Commercial Proposal, e-Packet 'C'	Up to 18:00 hrs. on 18/11/2022
12	Date & Time of Opening of e-Packet 'A', Physical packet 'A" & Technical e-Packet 'B'	In the office of Chief Engineer (Bridges) From 16:00 hrs. on 21/11/2022
13	Date & Time of opening of e-Tender, e-Packet 'C' (Commercial Bid)	In the office of Chief Engineer. (Bridges) From 15:00 hrs. on 02/12/2022

4. All bids shall be submitted online in e-tendering module only, unless instructed specifically.
5. The Municipal Commissioner reserves the right to reject/modify all or any of the etender(s) without assigning any reasons at any stage.
6. The dates and time for submission and opening the bids are as shown in the Header Data. If there are any changes in the dates the same will be displayed on the BMC Portal. (**http://portal.mcgm.gov.in**)

PRO/1593/ADV/2022-2023

Sd/-
Chief Engineer (Bridges)

Keep the terraces clean, remove odd articles/ junk/scrap

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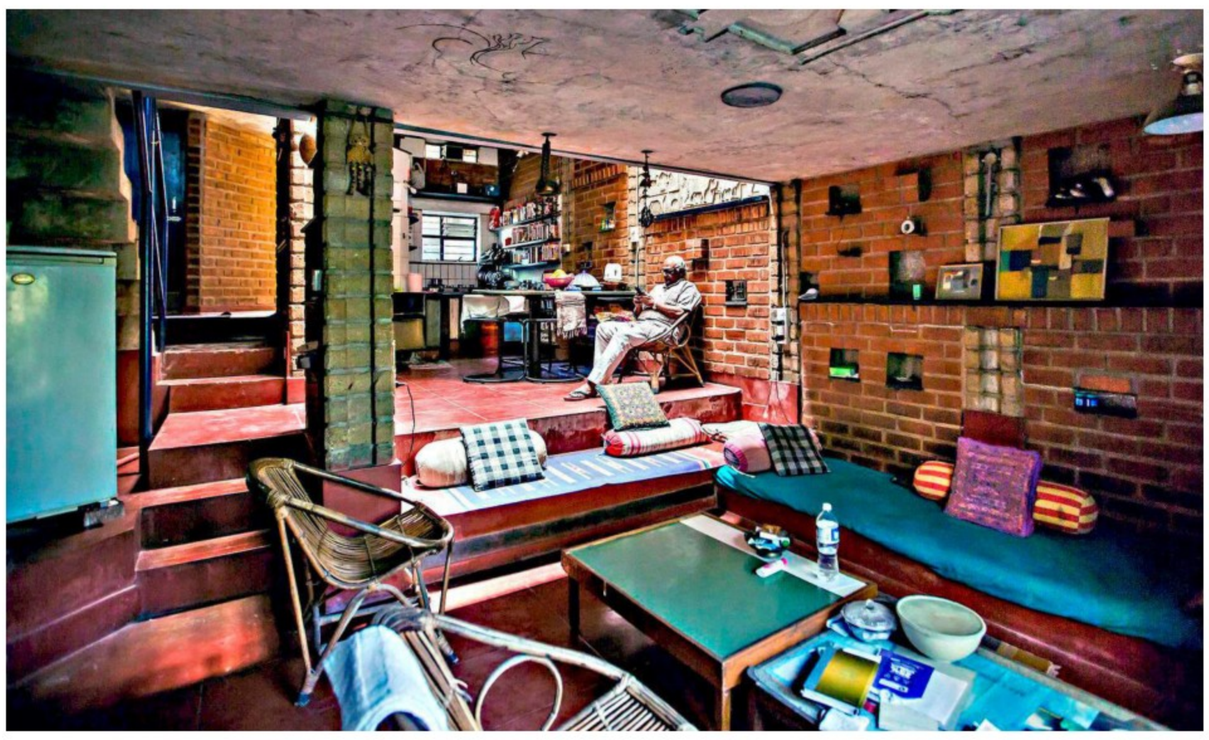
COVER

'Kanade – Shankar and Navnath' is a documentary by Teepoi that chronicles the journey of architect-brothers with a spotlight on their 'down-to-earth philosophy.'

By Sathya Prakash Varanashi



The flow of space TEEPOI

How often do architects make a film on architects? Very rarely, but when made, like the film "Kanade - Shankar and Navnath" it tends to gain accolades across society. No wonder the 50-minutes-long documentary made by team Teepoi got selected for four international short film festivals at Italy, India, Netherlands and Australia.

Named after the two architect brothers who found the firm 'Shilpa Sindoor' in Bengaluru during the 1970s, the film chronicles the journey of their lives and projects. It is a documentary, but more than that, reveals a philosophy. It showcases their projects, but more than that, interviews with house owner Lohitashwa and architects Sanjay Mohe and Meghal Arya intersperse the images. It lets the architects talk, but more than that, attempts to read their mind. It is visual, but more than that, is conversational.

Older brother Shankar Kanade, who after studying at JJ School of Architecture, came to Bengaluru to teach and design. Navnath Kanade returned from the U.S. to compliment him, after working with Paolo Soleri of Arcosanti fame, B.V. Doshi and Louis Kahn, to create a unique approach to architecture.

Kanade brothers brought in a curious blend of architectonic designs, essential teachings and frugal living without many worldly desires for money, assets or power. Shankar has not travelled around India or abroad sourcing ideas, has not been surfing the internet to update himself, or read books to quote from them.

Of course, they acknowledge the inspiration from BASE group - an erstwhile group of thinking architects of Bengaluru - who regularly discussed matters of architecture.

Avid followers of the modernity introduced to India by Louis Kahn and Corbusier, Shankar followed the masters to become a master himself. Navnath followed him to gain equal accolade. This was achieved by realising that modernity is not mere novelty; style is not mere fancy; optimising space and cost is more important than abundance and rustic can be appreciated as much as the refined.

Eco sustainable

Kanade architecture is both local and universal simultaneously. Houses built during 80s and later were ecologically sustainable and economically affordable. HUDCO awarded them for their innovative ideas, though they rarely applied for awards or sought to speak in national seminars or craved for name and fame. Being built with local granite stone, lit by many skylights, spreading the house across multiple levels and ensuring low maintenance costs led to Kanades being recognised as native-architects.

Kanade's integrated universal design theories of light, space, scale and such others, took their buildings beyond the local. Soon the Jalvayu Vihar project, a large housing complex for the Air Force and Navy personnel, came along leading to a new typology for such projects, not only in Bengaluru, but in India itself. The sculpturesque tall water tank welcomes the visitors, guiding them to open, then to semi-open and finally to enclosed spaces. The size and scale of these spaces also vary, accordingly creating sequence of less lit to brightly lit spaces.

A slow walk through the campus becomes a revelation of many theories of architecture, openings, materiality, texture, light, space, scale and finally perception itself. Be it a small house or a large campus, the act of movement becomes the mode of experiencing the design.

Among the signature designs of Kanade buildings is 3-dimensional form and massing, achieved through careful combination of volumes, terraces, skylines and such others. The externally visible massing is not a shallow facelift, but integral with interiors creating spaces flowing horizontally, vertically and diagonally. Stone as a single material, a philosophy they believe in, enables the manifestation of materiality in a way very different from many other designer buildings. Kanade buildings are deeply theme-based, stubbornly held by the architects, be it Asha Niketan, Gulbarga Art College, Hyderabad Arts Department or small houses. Hence, their designs graduate beyond the mere visual, becoming experiential.

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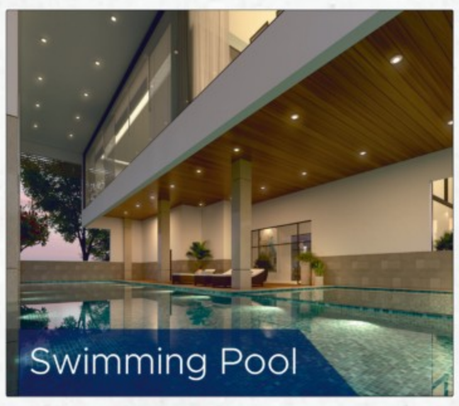
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Their mission: Documenting architecture

The team has received mentorship from renowned architects

Teepoi, established at Bengaluru in 2008, is founded by architects Karishma (content director) and Vandana (lead photographer and production manager) and Vishwesh (lead cinematographer).

The focus of Teepoi is to document and archive Heritage, Art, Architecture and Culture through visual media. In addition to the core team, Vinayak and Suchit handle cinematography, photography and editing.

The Teepoi team

"The documentary 'Kanade' is curated and self-produced through all its phases, with mentorship from renowned architects. The production, as with all of Teepoi's documentaries, has been driven by passion rather than commercial intent," says Karishma.

Repo rate rise on expected lines

The RBI decision to increase the repo rate has evoked reaction from market experts. Samantak Das, Chief Economist and Head of research and REIS, JLL, India, said the decision by RBI to increase the repo rate by 50 bps for the fourth consecutive time to 5.90 % is along expected lines as the central bank aims to rein in inflation, maintain global interest rates parity and ensure the stability of the currency.

Retail inflation has been hovering above RBI's upper target of 6% since February 2022 with the recent August number at 7%. The rate hike is intended to arrest the persistent rise in inflation which is impacting economic growth.

The Fed interest rate hike and its outlook have also prompted RBI to take this step.

The GDP outlook has been marginally lowered to 7.0% for the financial year 2022-23 from an earlier forecast of 7.2%.

According to Ramesh Nair, CEO, India and Managing Director, Market Development, Asia, Colliers, "RBI hiked the repo rate as the government remains committed to tame inflationary pressures amidst global headwinds. However, domestic economic activities remain promising, thus providing the central bank with the required elbowroom to continue withdrawing its accommodative stance.

Amit Goyal, CEO, India Sotheby's International Realty, said in the last 5 months, RBI increased the repo rate by 190 basis points, from 4% In April to 5.90% now.

The RBI has taken into consideration the broader economic and liquidity scenario and needs to curb the inflation further. Falling rupee is also a major concern amidst global uncertainty, besides high fuel prices.

It is important to understand that policy rates and regulation will decide the long-term growth of the economy and the real estate sector.

The hike might impact consumption sentiments negatively ahead of the festive season.

Colour palette

Interior paints are more than what meets the eye. Remember a few things before getting down to jazzing up your home, says **Mahesh Anand**

HOME IMPROVEMENT GUIDE

For a good chunk of the two years of the pandemic, we were all stuck within the confines of our homes. Many a conversation back then centred on the mental repercussions of being forced to stay at home or to work from them. Fitness was discussed. So were new hobbies. Talks also touched upon rediscovering familial bonds. The pandemic brought us together with our near and dear ones under our roofs.

The world has started opening up again. Our homes continue to remain our offices, courtesy the hybrid workplace evolution. But something that has never been given attention is within our four walls. It's interior paint.

Considering that it is an industry that has grown leaps and bounds over the years (currently worth ₹500 billion in India), the interior paints of today have come a long way

On an average, a child under six weeks of age breathes 86,400 times a day; three times more as compared to a normal adult. In a recent research, 70% of parents agreed that their children spend nearly eight to 20 hours a day indoors. While the ebbs and flows of the pandemic in the recent months may affect these numbers to a certain extent, it is safe to say that we as a family do spend a significant amount of time inside our residences.

While AQI (Air Quality Index) is an acronym that everyone is rightly concerned about, its indoor cousin IAQ (Indoor Air Quality) too has a direct bearing on our lives.

Recent reports indicate that in the post-pandemic era, there are times when the IAQ in our country can shoot up to values that are nearly 10 times that of the corresponding AQI.

Sensitive issues!

Most interior paints that compromise our IAQ comprise volatile organic compounds (VOC). Studies have shown that one among every five people is hypersensitive to formaldehyde, a VOC additive that is found in many interior paints.

While formaldehyde had initially found its way into interior paints as an inhibitor of bacterial and fungal growth, an absence of such an additive too can have consequences. As per recent studies, 76% of children in India use walls for support while learning how to walk. The walls better be clean.

But considering that it is an industry that has grown leaps and bounds over the years (currently worth ₹500 billion in India), while being focussed on innovation, the interior paints of today have come a long way.

The incorporation of silver ion technology in recent products ensure that the colours inside your residences are friendly. All this while being safe for both humans and pets alike.

Skimping on the premium such features entail might seem like a good idea in the short run. But it isn't in the larger scheme of things. Especially when you know that the paint that you use inside your house has the potential to make life better.

With all this in mind, you might think of letting the walls of your houses be just plain, red bricks. But considering that life needs colour, there are certain checks that you can keep in mind before you decide to jazz up your walls:

1. Unique Absorption Technology (UAT): Embedded in a polymer backbone, it helps interior paints continuously remove formaldehyde from air.

2. Keep an eye on the paint's virus resistance: Anti-bacterial, anti-allergic, and anti-odour traits are a must.

3. Durability matters: Recent innovations like dirt pick-up resistance ensure that the next time your young ones scribble away to their heart's content on the walls inside your homes, cleaning up after them is neither that big a hassle nor does it take away the sheen of your interiors.

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